

things one by one, brought the liability question to Peter Hoagland's attention. Peter talked to the rotunda. The rotunda says, yup, let's try it, okay, let's take out Section 11. We have the refund measure, the new operative date, the burden of proof change, the ballot, I'm sorry, the petition numbers changing, the refunds changing, the question of the liability of a company and their business interruptions rules or whether or not it is closed off to others. You have got a situation which we are adrift. Committees are supposed to help us with this. I would suggest to you that this body will not be making deliberative decisions on the merits of this bill at this point. If anything, today's activity should tell you this bill isn't ready. It should go back to committee. These issues should be hammered out. We are not bill drafters and that is what we are doing right now. It seems to me that the more we look at that bill, the more we want to change, the more we find that we are uncomfortable with. Now is the time to throw in the towel and say, we are not a committee of 49, we expect to have these policy issues refined for us before they come to the floor. It is appropriate to rerefer this bill, these amendments, these policy choices to the Public Works Committee for action. I would simply remind you that this is not in any form the bill that was reported to us by the Public Works Committee. That bill we are not talking about anymore. A white copy that was delivered to our desks, what, on Friday of last week, is what we have been discussing and this is not orderly, deliberative lawmaking. I most sincerely urge you to rerefer this to the Public Works Committee.

PRESIDENT: Who wishes...Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I concur with Senator Landis. You know, this thing has gone back and forth and back and forth in committee as well as after it got out of committee. I don't think anybody knows what is in the bill at this point, but, see, in committee, I can't remember all the gymnastics that it went through, but I know at one time the small independent companies were opposing the bill. Then they come through with another amendment and they get that group to support the bill. Now, AT&T, I think, first opposed the bill, or was it they first supported it, then opposed it and now they are supporting it. You see, these things go back and forth. The problem is that the telephone companies are all looking out for