

fiscal note, from the PSC, was nine hundred and some thousand, nine hundred and some thousand. The fiscal office reduced that, I think, to 200,000. They reduced it and even put anything in there because what are they going to say to the PSC that says we need another 900,000. Remember, this is entirely new money, new money. Now, let me use a simple example to show you how it would work. It would be like this, Public Works Committee, Senator Schmit Chairman. We say as a Legislature, Senator Schmit, we are taking your responsibilities of Public Works, we're taking half of those away, you now have half the work you had before. Then Senator Schmit comes back and says, exactly like the PSC has done, okay, in order for me to do half as much work, I need to triple my staff. That is exactly, exactly what the PSC is doing. We are cutting their work, through deregulation, and they are coming back and saying, boy, in order to do this we need all this new money. So that is my first argument. Number one, symbolically they have to be told you can't use this system to get what you want. Number two, there is no basis for the new money. And, number three, if there were any need, and Senator Warner, I say this to you and I say it on the record, if there were any need for the audits that they are claiming they need to do, if there are appeals made, and I suspect and hope there will be appeals made, but if there are, if you will read the PSC laws, just like every other state they now already have the authority to order not an amateur audit, which maybe they do in some cases, but a real honest to goodness audit by one of the top CPA firms in the United States or the world, they can order it, something acceptable to them, and they can order it paid for by the telephone company. They have that ability now. It is authority, a power they've never used and could be saving this state money and this Legislature money, yet they've never used it when every other state does. So you tell me what justification there is for an A bill. Senator Warner correctly stated, he says I take no opinion either way on it, this is what was delivered to us, and, therefore, he has an obligation to introduce the bill. I would commit to Senator Warner, if I should happen to be in these same halls next year, that I will fight against any attempt to get any deficit appropriation because it is not going to be needed, number one. But, number two, I repeat again, they have the authority now which they have not used to order legitimate, certified audits and make them paid for by the telephone company. And, if nothing else, you should kill it so they might start using that power they already have to save some people some money and get some really...