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2005 SENATE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SB 2091

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2091

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 01-10-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	xxx		0-200
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Lisa Van Berkom</i>			

Minutes: Chairman Mutch opened the hearing on SB 2091. All Senators were present.

SB 2091 relates to filing essential services price schedules by telecommunications companies.

Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Secretary Director, Public Utilities Division of the Public Service Commission, introduced the bill. See attached testimony.

There were no questions from the committee.

There was no opposition to the bill.

Senator Krebsbach moved a DO PASS. Senator Klein seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 7 yes. 0 no. 0 absent.

Carrier: Senator Krebsbach.

Date: 1-10-05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 2091

Senate Industry, Business and Labor Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Krebsbach Seconded By Klein

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Senator Mutch, Chairman	X		Senator Fairfield	X	
Senator Klein, Vice Chairman	X		Senator Heitkamp	X	
Senator Krebsbach	X				
Senator Nething	X				
Senator Espegard	X				

Total (Yes) ~~7~~ 7 No 0

Absent ~~0~~ 0

Floor Assignment Krebsbach

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 10, 2005 1:32 p.m.

Module No: SR-05-0236
Carrier: Krebsbach
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2091: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Sen. Mutch, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2091 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2005 HOUSE INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR

SB 2091

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2091

House Industry, Business and Labor Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-23-05

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
I	x		26.2-29.4
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Grady Runkle</i>			

Minutes:

Chairman Keiser: Opened the hearing on SB 2091. All committee members were present.

Annette Bendish: Annette Bendish appeared on behalf of **Illona A.**

Jeffcoat-Sacco (Public Service Commission) and provided a written statement (SEE ATTACHED TESTIMONY). The changes proposed to clarify the statutory price schedule and say that it only applies essential services in other words plain old telephone service.

Representative Ekstrom: I move a **DO PASS** on SB 2091.

Representative Nottestad: **SECOND** the **DO PASS** motion on SB 2091.

Motion carried. **VOTE: 14-YES 0-NO 0-Absent.**

Representative Ekstrom will carry the bill on the floor.

Hearing adjourned.

Date: 2-23-05
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2005 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. SB 2091

House INDUSTRY, BUSINESS AND LABOR Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Ekstrom Seconded By Rep. Nottestad

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
G. Keiser-Chairman	X		Rep. B. Amerman	X	
N. Johnson-Vice Chairman	X		Rep. T. Boe	X	
Rep. D. Clark	X		Rep. M. Ekstrom	X	
Rep. D. Dietrich	X		Rep. E. Thorpe	X	
Rep. M. Dosch	X				
Rep. G. Froseth	X				
Rep. J. Kasper	X				
Rep. D. Nottestad	X				
Rep. D. Ruby	X				
Rep. D. Vigesaa	X				

Total (Yes) 14 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Ekstrom

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 23, 2005 3:29 p.m.

Module No: HR-33-3531
Carrier: Ekstrom
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

SB 2091: Industry, Business and Labor Committee (Rep. Keiser, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2091 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2005 TESTIMONY

SB 2091

S. B. 2091

Same as given to House

Presented by: Illona A. Jeffcoat-Sacco
Executive Secretary
Director, Public Utilities Division
Public Service Commission

Before: Industry, Business and Labor
Honorable Duane Mutch, Chairman

Date: 10 January 2005

TESTIMONY

Chairman and committee members, my name is Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco. I am the Executive Secretary of the Public Service Commission and Director of the Public Utilities Division. The Commission asked me to appear here today to testify in favor of Senate Bill 2091, introduced at our request.

We proposed this change to clarify that the statutory price schedule (tariff) filing requirement applies only to essential services, in other words, to Plain Old Telephone Service, switched access (paid by interexchange companies) and related services.

For some time since this provision was first enacted, there has been a difference of opinion among companies about whether all prices have to be filed under this law, or just those for essential services. We believe the law should apply only to essential services because nonessential services, including long

distance service, voice mail and others, are subject to sufficient effective competition that a filing requirement is no longer appropriate. Pricing decisions for nonessential services should be flexible and immediate, and there should be no appearance of government approval of those prices.

This completes my testimony. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.