

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**April 5, 1999 Hearing Room 357**

**4:30 p.m. Tape 30**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Gene Derfler, Chair**

**Sen. Joan Dukes, Vice-Chair**

**Sen. Eileen Qutub**

**Sen. Charles Starr**

**Sen. Thomas Wilde**

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT: Brian E. Smith, Administrator**

**Rachel E. Halupowski, Administrative Support**

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: SB 1149 Public Hearing and Work Session**

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
<b>TAPE 30, A</b>		
000	Chair Derfler	Opens meeting at 4:30 p.m. and opens work session on SB 1149.
<b><u>SB 1149 WORK SESSION</u></b>		
005	Chair Derfler	States that due to the need to get the amendments, the meeting will be recessed until 7:00 p.m.
006	Chair Derfler	Reopens meeting at 7:05 p.m. and opens public hearing on SB 1149.

**SB 1149 PUBLIC HEARING**

015	Chair Derfler	States that if there are still issues that need to be addressed, those issues can be addressed when the bill reaches the House. Compliments everyone for their willingness to work together to amend SB 1149.
020	Brian E. Smith	Committee Administrator. States an issue with low income bill assistance has been resolved by having the Housing and Community Services Department do a statewide study by January 1, 2001 of the need for low income billing assistance. States the PUC will rule by October 1, 2001 about how much and how the money will be collected for such purposes. States the money collected will be targeted to assist low income customers who are within 10 to 15 days of having their service disconnected. States that no customer will pay more than \$500 per site, per month for low income billing assistance.
030	Chair Derfler	States those are all the changes made to the amendments. Asks if there was a technical change.
032	Smith	States the one technical change necessary that the committee may want to clean up tonight is on page 30, line 29 of the ñ7 amendments. States the change from "January 1, 2001" to "October 1, 2001" will create date consistency for the low income billing assistance piece.
037	Chair Derfler	States the change is consistent because nothing will happen until direct access is available.

**SB 1149 WORK SESSION**

043	Sen. Qutub	<b>MOTION: Moves to AMEND SB 1149 ñ7 amendments dated 4/5/99, page 30, line 29, by substituting "October 1, 2001" for "January 1, 2001".</b>
		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>
	Chair Derfler	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
057	Sen. Qutub	<b>MOTION: Moves to ADOPT SB 1149 ñ7 amendments, dated 4/5/99 AS AMENDED.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>  <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>

	<b>Chair Derfler</b>	<b>The motion CARRIES.</b>
<b>067</b>	<b>Sen. Qutub</b>	<b>MOTION: Moves SB 1149 to the floor with a DO PASS AS AMENDED recommendation.</b>
		<b>VOTE: 5-0</b>  <b>AYE: In a roll call vote, all members present vote Aye.</b>
		<b>Chair Derfler</b>  <b>The motion CARRIES.</b>  <b>SEN. DERFLER AND SEN. DUKES will lead discussion on the floor.</b>
<b>074</b>	<b>Chair Derfler</b>	<b>Closes work session and adjourns meeting at 7:15 p.m.</b>

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

Rachel E. Halupowski, Brian E. Smith,  
Administrative Support Administrator

#### **EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A ñ No exhibits**