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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 183

Chairperson: Deb Fischer
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: February 10, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 183 requires the approval of the Public Service Commission for the sale of a telecommunications exchange.

In approving or rejecting the application, the commission will consider the public interest, specifically to the exchange involved:

1. the adequacy of local phone service;
2. the reasonableness of rates for local service;
3. the provision of 911 service;
4. the payment of taxes by the company; and
5. the ability and commitment of the company to provide modern, state-of-the-art telecommunications services.

The commission may include conditions in the approval that it feels are necessary to ensure protection of the public interest.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Deb Fischer