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3 By SenatorS Hochstatter, Amondson, West, Owen, McCaslin, McDonald,  
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6 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
7 following:

8 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The joint select committee on  
9 telecommunications is hereby created. The committee shall consist of  
10 eight members, four from the house of representatives to be appointed  
11 by the speaker of the house of representatives and four from the senate  
12 to be appointed by the president of the senate, with not more than two  
13 members from each chamber being of the same political party. The  
14 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the committee shall be jointly  
15 selected by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house.  
16 Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
17 appointment. The committee shall use existing legislative staff to the  
18 extent practicable.

19 The committee shall study the services and charges of alternate  
20 operator service companies as they relate to local exchanges, local  
21 hotel exchanges, long distance service, and 911 emergency  
22 communications networks.

23 The committee in the exercise of its responsibilities shall be  
24 deemed to be performing operations in assistance to the Washington  
25 utilities and transportation commission and shall be funded from the  
26 public service revolving fund. The committee shall have the authority  
27 to hire such additional staff, create such advisory committees,  
28 contract with such state agencies or private consultants, and incur  
29 such administrative, educational, and member and staff travel expenses  
30 as it deems necessary within its budget, subject to available funds and  
31 the approval of the senate facilities and operations committee and the  
32 house of representatives executive rules committee in accordance with  
33 the joint rules. Committee-related travel expenses of the committee  
34 members and staff shall be paid from the committee's budget.

35 The committee shall be housed in existing facilities and shall be  
36 subject to the rules of the house of the chairperson.

1       The committee shall report to the legislature in January 1994 and  
2 cease to exist on July 1, 1994."

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7       On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "companies;" strike the  
8 remainder of the title and insert "and creating a new section."

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