ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19– ASSEMBLYMAN PARKS

May 6, 2003

Referred to Concurrent Committees on Commerce and Labor and Elections, Procedures and Ethics

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of telecommunication services in Nevada. (BDR R-1188)

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets fomitted material; is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of telecommunication services in this state.

WHEREAS, The development and availability of telecommunication services continue to improve and enrich the quality of life for the residents of this state; and

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WHEREAS, Providing telecommunication services efficiently and economically is essential for maintaining a strong and vibrant economy in this state; and

WHEREAS, The regulation and taxation of telecommunication companies affect economic growth in this state; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint an interim committee, composed of three members of the Assembly and three members of the Senate, one of whom must be appointed as Chairman of the committee, to conduct a study of telecommunication services in this state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That an advisory committee is hereby established consisting of:

- 1. One member appointed by the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General;
- 2. One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly who represents an incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined in NRS 704.68932, which serves 100,000 or more persons in this state;



3. One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly who represents an interexchange carrier, as defined in NRS 704.040, which is doing business in this state;

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- 4. One member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly who represents an emerging technology in the telecommunications industry;
- 5. One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate who represents wireless technology;
- 6. One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate who represents a competitive supplier, as defined in NRS 704.6892, which is doing business in this state;
- 7. One member appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate who represents an incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined in NRS 704.68932, which serves not more than 30,000 persons in this state:
- 8. One member appointed by the Governor who represents cable communications; and
 - 9. One member appointed by the Governor who is a representative of the general public; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the advisory committee consult with the interim committee and provide assistance in conducting the study; and be it further

RESOLVED, That each member of the advisory committee who is not an officer or employee of the State serves without compensation and is not entitled to receive a per diem allowance or travel expenses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That each member of the advisory committee who is an officer or employee of the State must be relieved from his duties without loss of his regular compensation so that he may attend meetings of the committee and is entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses provided for state officers and employees generally, which must be paid by the state agency that employs him; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General will provide technical assistance to the interim committee and the advisory committee as well as collect and compile pricing data, including components of bundled services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an evaluation of:

- 1. The methods presently used to determine the rates for telecommunication services provided in this state;
- 2. The feasibility of eliminating any implicit subsidies based upon the type and location of the telecommunication service provided in this state;



3. The feasibility of determining rates for telecommunication services provided in this state without the use of implicit subsidies based upon the type and location of telecommunication services provided in this state;

- 4. The current competition and future competitive trends for telecommunications services in the Northern Nevada and Southern Nevada markets:
- 5. The pricing trends to various customer classes of telecommunications services after the enactment of Senate Bill No. 440 by the 70th Session of the Nevada Legislature;
- 6. Methods to promote deployment of affordable broadband services to all classes of consumers; and
- 7. Before regulatory action is taken that is not otherwise required as a result of changes made by the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature or as result of federal laws and regulations, the appropriate scope of future legislative or regulatory policies regarding telecommunications services and products to promote an orderly transition to a functionally competitive telecommunications market in a manner that will most benefit the consumers and economy of this state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the interim committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature.



