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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1134, L.D. 1659, Bill, "An Act to Protect Consumers from Unfair and Deceptive Telephone Practices"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "~~§3508.~~" in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~§3508.~~" and inserting in its place the following: '~~§3-508.~~'

Further amend the bill in section 7 in that part designated "~~§801.~~" in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 35 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "provided on a pay-per-call" and inserting in its place the following: 'for which, in addition to any message toll service charge, a fee is levied on a per-call' and in the 6th line (page 2, line 39 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "charge" the following: ', in addition to any message toll service charges.'

Further amend the bill in section 8 by striking out all of that part designated "~~§802.~~"

Further amend the bill in section 8 by striking out all of that part designated "~~§803.~~" and inserting in its place the following:

'§803. Disconnection prohibited

A collecting utility may not disconnect a customer's basic telephone service or send to a customer any notice of basic telephone service disconnection because of a customer's failure to pay an audiotext service charge.'

Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated "~~§804.~~" in the first paragraph in the first line (page 4, line 15

2 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Collecting utilities"
and inserting in its place the following: 'Where facilities are
4 available, a collecting utility' and by inserting after the
following: "all" the following: 'one-party residential and
6 one-line and 2-line business'

8 Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated
"§804." in the first paragraph by inserting at the end the
following: 'By April 1, 1992, collecting utilities must, where
10 facilities are available, offer multiline business customers the
opportunity to block access at a reasonable cost. The commission
12 may, for good cause shown, extend this deadline.'

14 Further amend the bill in section 8 by striking out all of
that part designated "§805."

16 Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated
18 "§806." in the first paragraph in the last line (page 5, line 15
in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "shall" the
20 following: 'either delete the charges from the customer's
telephone bill or'

22 Further amend the bill in section 8 in that part designated
24 "§806." in subsection 4 in the 2nd line (page 6, line 21 in L.D.)
by striking out the following: "complaint" and inserting in its
26 place the following: 'dispute resolution'

28 Further amend the bill in section 8 by renumbering the
sections to read consecutively.

30 Further amend the bill by inserting before the statement of
32 fact the following:

34 **FISCAL NOTE**

36 The Public Utilities Commission will be required to adopt
38 rules and process tariff modifications from telecommunications
utilities, the costs of which can be absorbed within current
40 budgeted resources.'

42 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill:

46 1. Clarifies the definition of audiotext services so that it
48 is clear that toll calls are excluded from the definition;

50 2. Strikes the section of the bill requiring audiotext
52 providers to register with the Department of Professional and
Financial Regulation;

