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House Resolution

A resolution accepting, acknowledging, and approving the findings of the Florida Public Service Commission's 1997 Report on the Status of Competition.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has enumerated its public policy that the competitive provision of telecommunications services, including local exchange telecommunications services, is in the public interest and will provide consumers with freedom of choice, encourage the introduction of telecommunications services, encourage technological innovation, and encourage investment in telecommunications infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, during the transition to full competition, the Legislature froze basic local telecommunications rates pursuant to s. 364.051(2), Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature directed the Florida Public Service Commission, by December 1997, to investigate and report on an exchange-by-exchange basis whether there is a need to extend the price freeze enumerated in s. 364.051(2), Florida Statutes, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Public Service Commission's December 1997 report to the Legislature recommended extending current price freezes for all price-regulated companies due to the lack of local competition, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida:

1 That the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Florida does hereby accept, acknowledge, and approve the
3 findings of the Florida Public Service Commission's December
4 1997 Report on the Status of Competition and concludes that
5 adequate and meaningful competition does not exist in
6 telecommunications exchange areas in this state and therefore
7 the existing price caps in such areas shall remain in effect
8 until such time that the Legislature determines conditions
9 exist to the contrary.
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