

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee on **Utilities and Telecommunications** recommends **HB 2487** be amended on page 1, in line 14, after "convenience" by inserting "and necessity";

On page 2, in line 9, by striking "Applications for"; by striking all in lines 10 through 12;

Also on page 2, following line 12, by inserting:

"(c) The commission shall issue a decision on a common carrier or public utility's application for mergers or acquisitions within 300 days of receiving the application. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude an applicant and the commission from agreeing to a waiver or an extension of the 300-day period. The commission shall expeditiously process every application covered within this subsection."

And the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson