Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Energy and Utilities

Assembly Bill 672

Relating to: exempting broadband Internet service from regulation by the Public Service Commission and local governments, requiring telecommunications utilities to provide unbundled network elements, and price regulation of telecommunications utilities.

By Representatives Jensen, Montgomery, Nischke, Pettis, Olsen, Musser, Albers, Ott, Petrowski and Bies; cosponsored by Senators Kanavas, Welch, Stepp, Darling, Reynolds and Brown.

November 13, 2003 Referred to Committee on Energy and Utilities.

November 25, 2003 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present:	(9)	Representatives Jensen, Montgomery, J.
		Fitzgerald, Gottlieb, Nischke, Honadel,
		Steinbrink, Krug and Travis.
Absent:	(4)	Representatives Powers, Friske, Ziegelbauer
		and Schooff.

Appearances For

• None.

Appearances Against

- Barry Orton, Madison
- Michael Theis, Theis Comm Consulting, Madison
- Melia Carter, Covad Communications, Willow Springs, FL
- Curt Witynski, League of WI Municipalities, Madison
- □ Ed Huck, League of WI Municipalities, Madison
- □ John Haka, Midwest Hardware Assoc, Stevens Point
- □ Gail Sumi, AARP WI, Madison
- □ Curt Pawlisch, WI Calls, Madison
- □ Joe Strohl, Time Warner Telecom, Madison
- □ Jim Leonhart, AT&T, Madison
- Drew Petersen, TDS Telecom/Metrocom, Madison
- □ Chet Gerlach, Sprint, Madison
- □ Patrick Fucik, Sprint, Madison

Appearances for Information Only

 Bill Esbeck, WI State Telecommunications Association (WISTA), Madison □ Kate Blavat, SBC, Madison

□ Lorenzo Cruz, CenturyTel, Madison

Registrations For

□ Sen. Alberta Darling, 8th SD

□ Tom Moore, WI Cable Communication Assoc, Madison

Registrations Against

□ None.

March 11, 2004 Failed to pass pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 1.

Brett Healy Committee Clerk