

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

July 15, 1997

TO:

Bob Kelly

FROM:

Ken Karas

SUBJECT:

ROBERT BRADLEY

Please refer to the attached. As I understand it, Robert Bradley writes speeches for Key Lay. I'm not sure if he's an employee or a consultant. He recently wrote a paper for the Cato Institute. Attached are some quotes of which are in the attachment.

Let me know if there is anything you want to do.

CC: Hap Boyd

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rus speech to the trational knergy klessings (Ngminstion (NERO) yesterday.

He still envisions open markets creating a wealth of jobs, but right now "most of those jobs are on K Street," he said in reference to Washington's hub of lobbyists and large law firms.

The Telecom Act of 1996 is one of Hilley's favorite topics and he compared the slow steps telecom is making toward opening up local phone markets as signs of progress. That sume type of progress can impoen in electricity markets, Bliley thinks.

With more than 800 applications in nationwide for local service providers and 1,800 new jobs created already this year in wireless communications, telecom is progressing nicely down the road to commetition.

But Bliley thinks his committee was too quick in moving the hill to the floor once it shisaled a compromuse, and he doesn't want to see the same thing happur with electricity.

"We rushed telecom through our committee ton fast and we don't want to see that hoppen to electricity," Bliley said. "That's the purpose of Chairman Schwolor's hearings. We want to hear from everybody."

And for those who dislike renewables here's some data

Natural gas producers are chilly to renewable fuels and would really like to forget Zond. Thus when political economist Robert Bradley Ir writes a book about the evils of renewable fuels, the Natural Gas Supply Assn takes notice.

We don't know whether Bradley's claims are correct but they certainly are amusing

How about this one: "A rough estimate of electric subsidies for renewables and aspectation over the last 20 years is between \$30 billion and \$50 billion ... the largest government peacetime mergy expenditure in US history." That's from the executive summary.

Here are some others NGSA put on its webpage (http://

www.publicpolicy.org/-nope/studies/renew/renew.html):

- * "Improved new-generation renewable capacity is, on average, twine as expensive as new especity from the most economical fossil-fuel alternative and triple the cost of surplus electricity." ("Executive Summary")
- "A rough estimate of electric subsidies for renewables and consurvation over the last 20 years is between \$30 billion and \$50 billion... This represents the largest government peacetime energy expenditure in U.S. history." ("Executive Summery")
- "... the total cost of wind power was really around 6-7 cents per kwh when the production tax-credit and other more subtle cost items are factored in ... approximately double the cost of new gasfired electricity generation." ("Problems of Wind Power")
- "Remote wind sites often result in construction of additional transmission lines, estimated to cost as much as \$300,000-\$1 million per mile." ("Problems of Wind Power")
- a ment source oron comit ce as nount as soriuper more space than a conventional gas-fired power plant.. Wide specing (a 50 megawatt farm can require anywhere between two and 25 square miles) is necessary to avoid wake effects hetween towers." ("Problems of Wind Power")
- "... the future of all the central solar generators is in doubt. They are expensive to build, their very scale escalates tinancial risks... and their massive height (in excess of 200 meters) may attract opposition." (Quoted from a Worldwelch Institute study in "Solur: The Smaller the Better")
- "The major environmental cost of photovoltnic solar concerns toxic chemical pollution (orsenic, gallium and cadmium) and energy consumption associated with the large scale manufacture of photovollsic pencls. The installation phase has distinct environmental consequences given the large land masses required for solar farms - some five to 10 acres per megawatt of installed capacity." ("Solar: The Smaller the Better")
- "Although biomass is a renewable resource, much of it is used in ways that are neither renewable nor sustainable. In many parts of the world, firewood is in increasingly short supply... As a result of poor agricultural practices, soils in the United States Corn Bell... are being eroded 18 times faster than they are being formed." (Quoted from Christopher Mavin and Nicholas Lenssen of the Worldwotch Institute, "Biomass: The Air Emission Renewable")
- "Guedhermal... [has] heavy requirements for monling water (as much as 100,000 gallons per megawatt per day), hydrogen suitide emissions, and waste disposal issues with dissolved solids and even toxic waste." ("Geothermal: The Nonrenewable Renewable")

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