

would take off running out of fear of a negative editorial. Well, now I think what is being realized is that most people don't read the newspaper anyway and after they get past the comics and the sports section, they certainly are not going to get to the editorial page. So it is an exercise in futility what they have been doing and they ought to just leave us alone, let us make calls wherever we want to, let us talk about anything we please and realize that they can't intervene to prevent it.

PRESIDENT: The issue before the House is the Hoagland amendment to LB 565 on Select File. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I just rose to explain the dime and twelve cent charges on our bills, that it was an issue we brought up in Appropriations Committee during DAS budget hearing and the system is that uncompleted calls are charged not by the phone company but by DAS in arriving at the total cost for the service and in effect I suppose you could call it an overhead charge for the fact the equipment is in there. In any event, it is a charge made by DAS whenever you have an incompleated phone call, and I have noticed those dimes and eleven or twelve cents too, Senator Higgins, and we asked about it and that is what it is. So it is not the phone company, it's what the state allocates the cost back to every agency or to every phone, and essentially you could call it the overhead charge for the fact the equipment is in there.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Hoagland amendment? I will recognize Senator Hoagland to close. Can we have order in the Chamber so we can hear the speaker, please. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I think we are probably spending more time on this issue than we need to with all the other bills that we have on the agenda. Let me just close briefly in support of this amendment. I certainly don't quarrel with the argument that Senator Landis and others make that we need to protect our letters and our papers. As I have indicated before, it is difficult to misuse those and I think that the privacy and confidentiality considerations can and should prevail on that argument. With respect to the logistical problems that Senator Chambers cites, the floor being locked at night, and so forth, there are other phones that could be designated in the Clerk's office and other places on the