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PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson, we're on the Smith amendment to the DeCamp amendment.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I'll relinquish my time to John to more thoroughly explain it.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, Senator Landis, sincere as he may be, is creating simply paper tigers. That's one of the reasons I support the Smith amendment because it simply clears up what was already a fact, for example, burden of proof. Sprint, my good friends who I got into the state when the Public Service Commission and LT&T and everybody else was opposed to allowing any competition in the state, through forcing the issue at the federal level and so on, I forced them to allow competition in the state. Sprint, now, is putting out some pretty erroneous information on this bill and a number of factors in it. One of these examples or a couple of them real quick are the burden of proof. The burden proof went only to one thing, whether there was a statutory violation of law. It did not go to the issue of what the economic cost of providing service or any of these things were, should be, will be, this kind of thing. That burden of proof was and is on the phone company. Senator Smith's amendment merely clarifies it. For Senator Landis to raise it as a paper tiger as Sprint has been pushing is simply that, creating something that isn't. With respect to the liability issue and cars hitting little boys, all you have to do is read the bill. I think it's rather clear, very clear, and it has to do with interruption of service. For example, a phone company would forget to put in the name of this business in the phone book, the first thing that happens is that the standard claim against the phone company by a business is for damages of \$100,000. In fact, you can check with the phone companies and verify that that's the first thing that occurs is you get a claim for \$100,000. What this is to do is to limit the liability based upon those types of incidents, failure to have a name spelled right, failure to get it in the proper order, these kinds of things to the actual things involved. So, I certainly accept the Smith amendment. With respect to the numbers involved, Senator Landis suggested, I believe, that it would require as many as it took to put an initiative on the