

this subsection shall terminate on August 31, 1991. All right, what does that mean? After 1991 then we don't have this 20 percent cap in effect. After 1991 that 20 percent cap is taken away, you are back strictly to the petition process. So whether or not this amendment is adopted, as far as I am concerned, is basically immaterial to the defects in the original bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm a little bit like Senator Lamb, but I rise with mixed emotions, but I support the Smith amendment because I believe it points out another of the faults of the bill. I would have to question Senator DeCamp's arithmetic. By my math, even with Senator Smith's amendment it would require about 8,000 customers of Northwestern Bell to object before the new rate could be implemented. I think it would take about 6,000 to object to an LT&T rate increase. I think that the amendment also provides that a customer filing a complaint has to almost be an expert in communication and the customer still has the burden of stopping the rate increase. There is no provision in the bill or the amendment for a refund of overcharges if the Public Service Commission decides that the increase is unnecessary. I think there is a great difference in the present procedure and the procedure that is embodied in the DeCamp amendment even with Senator Smith's amendment. As Senator Lamb has said and Senator Landis and others, the amendment does improve the DeCamp amendment, but the improvement is not substantial enough and I would hope that it would not be substantial enough for the DeCamp amendment to be adopted. There are still serious faults within the DeCamp amendment even with Senator Smith's amendment adopted.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? Five hands? I do see five hands on the closing the question on Senator Smith's amendment to the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We have a considerable number on the list, so we'll vote on the question. The question is, shall the debate cease? The motion is, shall the debate cease? Please record your vote.