

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise to support the amendment. It doesn't really make any difference to me whether it's 30 or 60 or 90 or 120 or 365. The basic philosophy of this particular section of the law is just plain bad and so you can add how many days you want to do for these petition drives, it's not going to make any difference to me, so with that I'm going to support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson, do you want to talk on this particular amendment? Do you want to speak on this particular amendment, Senator Nelson? If not, I have your name for the other thing. Senator Hoagland. Okay. No other thing. Senator DeCamp, you may close if you wish.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, just very briefly, first of all, the commission can suspend completely the rate increase when and if the petition is submitted. That is one of their options. Second, contrary to what Senator Schmit suggested, in notices specifically given to every subscriber, it isn't in the form of a telephone bill, a specific notice is given so they know what is occurring. And if you start having unrealistic periods of time, you're back to the same problem you've got now. 1984 problems are submitted to the commission in 1986 and maybe in 1988 they render a decision. That system is not working. Sixty days is more than reasonable. You have lowered significantly the number of signatures. It isn't as if you don't have a very identifiable class. The identifiable class is virtually every single citizen and resident in an area served by a particular telephone company because virtually everybody has a telephone. So it is a much easier even than getting, if it's necessary, getting signatures of "registered voters" in a certain area. I'd ask you to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to the main DeCamp amendment that has been under discussion. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? A simple majority, of course, rules on amendments. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 16 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the