

nor to allow this unfair competition to rage unabated for the next nine months, as Senator Nelson would have it. The purpose of the amendment is to simply set a beginning point in time for the operation of a very significant change in the industry. In fact, one of my fortes over the last two years, it is a very minor forte in the Legislature, but one of my fortes has been to add operative dates to tax bills so the tax bills don't just go into effect 90 days after adjournment but rather go into effect on October 1st or September 1st, or what have you. I am just saying, in the industry, I have talked to the folk in the industry and they say this is extraordinarily reasonable, that this particular change should not be rushed with an emergency clause and should have a definitive beginning point and the beginning of the year is the ideal beginning point. So it is not sugarcoating for strychnine. It is not designed to allow an unfair, noncompetitive war to rage on for another nine months, it is simply to set a beginning point which is the beginning of January 1987 for the new rules as established by the Nebraska Legislature. That's all it does.

PRESIDENT: We are now voting on the Vard Johnson amendment to the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. A simple majority rules. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Vard Johnson amendment is adopted. Next.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend. (Senator Johnson's amendment appears on page 1688 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, Amendment 2704, which is on your desk, is a big amendment. And the reason I had this amendment prepared is because Senator Schmit alluded to the need to do this issue in connection with LB 835. This amendment simply allows the commission, the commission after a complainant hearing and a finding that, in fact, the rate increase done by the local telephone company was substantially in excess of the economic cost, of the actual economic cost of the service,