

themselves and I am a hero to one group one day because they are opposing it and I have been consistently opposing it because I don't think we are ready for local rates to be deregulated. So I have been consistent in opposing the bill, so I am on the side of AT&T one day but then the next day I am on the opposite side. But I am staying consistent, but all those people out there change around depending on which kind of an amendment is added to the bill at a certain time. So it is really an industry bill. There is nobody out there looking out for the public except the Public Service Commission. And so when you get right down to it, Public Service Commissions were established to protect the public. Now suddenly we are saying, no, we don't want that Public Service Commission to have anything to do with it, we have got to have deregulation, we have got to have competition although there is only one company that has a line to my house and how there is going to be competition when there is only one line into my house and it baffles my imagination. So I would support Senator Landis's motion to refer it back to committee. I don't want to hear it again anymore than anyone else. We have heard version after version in committee, but I think that is the only thing to do at this point because we are no farther along than we were before. We don't know what we have got. We don't know what we need. We don't know what serves the public interests. Let's refer it back to committee.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel). Order in the Chamber, please. I have a whole host of names up here that I hate to erase because you are all interested. I'm just going to go down them one by one that wishes to speak on this Landis amendment. Senator Hoagland, Senator Barrett, do you wish to speak? Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Mr. President, and members, I have been making an effort to speak for the last 30 to 40 minutes on several of the issues that have been before us, several of the amendments that have been discussed, and I was not recognized and have already lodged a friendly complaint, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I have been going through these names, supposedly thought I was reading off all of them but if I missed you, I'm sorry.

SENATOR BARRETT: I rise in full support of Senator Landis's