

accommodation to satisfy this group or that. The refund, the refund mechanism, that is a technical adjustment to save both sides some money because, you see, if the telephone company had to send checks out in the terms of a dime or fifteen cents, or whatever, that is an inconvenience to them. So there wasn't any windfall, quite the contrary. There might have been the possibility that somebody would have forced it to have checks sent out in that fashion. So, therefore, by using a credit on future bills, you have accomplished a correction of that little problem or that possible issue that somebody could raise. But in terms of major changes of any of the concepts, there hasn't been one. In fact, I dare you to pick a major bill where you have had a half a dozen amendments that make this or that correction that have gone as easily and been as simple and understandable as these are. The basic concepts of the bill are there. You should not return it to committee because you know that is killing it. The committee did not get anything done last year. That is why we had to basically have threats from the feds that forced the opening up to any competition. Now, you are going to have to live in the world of competition. Senator Schmit says there is no competition, there is only one of them out there. Senator Schmit, let me tell you some of the competition that is out there and some of the competition that already exists against which you are not allowing, against which you are not allowing our existing entities to compete. What do you think bypass is? What do you think it is when the University of Nebraska or the State of Nebraska or anybody else bypasses, bypasses the local territorial barriers? You have to understand technologies that exist, which I am sure you do, and I am sure you know you can't draw a line in the sand because you have got satellites and everything else. Cellular is not controlled. That is a form of competition that will probably, in the opinion of many, including myself, be the new form of competition that provides competition in the country. But if you try to keep a system, artificially in place with artificial subsidies to one and artificially high prices to another, then you are never, never going to allow a truly competitive system and the benefits of that system. I urge you not to return the bill to committee. I urge you also to recognize that there are some 300 different providers of the same service that AT&T is providing. You want to say they are the only kid in town. They only have 64 percent now. They are a big company, just like General Motors is a big company. But