

out there. It is out of reason. At least the Public Service Commission should be able to decide whether it is a reasonable increase. Maybe it is reasonable. But at least it puts it under the Public Service Commission if the increase goes over 10 percent per year. Also, on page 3, line 6, of Senator Smith's amendment, strike that language which limits this to 1991. She has in there that her...this one section of the amendment would self-destruct by 1991. I disagree with that. I think that in five years we would then be taking the Public Service Commission out of it and I don't know if we want to do that. Maybe we will. We can change the law if we want to but I don't like to have that termination date in there because that means after 1991 there is no regulation, as I see it. So that is the two things that my amendment will do. First of all, it lets the Public Service Commission get involved if the increase is more than 10 percent per year. Secondly, it strikes the 1991 termination date.

PRESIDENT: Now to discuss the Lamb amendment, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: One minute, Mr. Speaker. Senator DeCamp said what we are doing apparently is to get in the way of reducing telephone charges. To stand in the way of this amendment is to stand in the way of getting lower rates. Senator Lamb is taking him at his word. Why do you need a 20 percent increase threshold if what the effect of this bill is going to be is lower rates? If that is the case, you can move that down to 10 percent with no loss of difficulty because what we are going to get out of this is lower rates. Secondly, Senator DeCamp indicated that the policy rationale for this bill and the policy we are laying down is universal service. Universal service for rural payers is premised, if you are going to make it at all cost effective, on averaging. You strike the averaging language that runs out in 1991 with this and, as far as I am concerned, Senator Lamb is merely taking Senator DeCamp at his word and carrying out to a larger extension the very policy statements Senator DeCamp indicates are inherent in his amendment. I would support it.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this is the heart of the issue. This is the amendment that either guts the bill and