

paid for by the person getting the service essentially. And so, for example, Senator Lamb, who might have a particular situation, which I believe he does, which many rural areas have, of let's say five or six dollars or even four dollars for "their basic service", if he limits that to 10 percent, you might as well not even pass the bill because in some cases it is going to have to be more than that if you are going to maintain service. Now, if you don't do something and start to pass...straightening it out, then you are going to have in a future year an AT&T say, we are getting out.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DEKAMP: Under this bill, we are keeping them in. Under this bill, for a 5-year period we are keeping that average so he does receive low rates out there. If you don't do this, it is going to blow up the other way. I urge you not to adopt this amendment. I urge you to advance the bill, and if you have doubts, if you have doubts, take the time between now and after assuming it ever would get to Select File, to examine it thoroughly, get the entire picture. It doesn't take that long. It isn't that complicated. Sure, it is complicated but in an hour's time if you want to sit down and discuss it, there are any number of individuals on both sides that you can sit and get the picture. Why is it that you finally reached a compromise of all the telephone companies except one now, Sprint, on the issue? Because they have all had to give, give, give. They are in competition, one providing this service, one providing that service. But you adopt this amendment and essentially you have gutted the bill. You can either move one direction or two, more regulation or towards deregulation.

PRESIDENT: Time is expiring.

SENATOR DEKAMP: I urge you to move towards the deregulation route because for Nebraska long term that is the only one that is going to work.

PRESIDENT: We are on the Lamb amendment. Senator Haberman. Senator Lamb, you have five minutes of Senator Haberman's time.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. President. I am not sure that all of you are following this amendment but I think it is