

do have a monopoly, when there is only one company out there that has telephone lines coming to my house, I am a captive customer. And so I think we need that Public Service Commission over there to be involved, to be involved. And so that is what I am getting at. All through this long discussion that we have had, last year in the Public Works Committee, again this year in the Public Works Committee, that has been my problem. You know, I think local rates out there in Anselmo, Nebraska could possibly go sky-high, and if they do, it is going to be very difficult to bring about any redress.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LAMB: So what I am saying is, okay, if the rates go up by 10 percent or more, let the Public Service Commission get in there. If they don't, then they are unregulated. And I certainly do appreciate the problems with long distance rates and I am not, you know, I am not a great supporter of Sprint at all. We just happen to be on the same side of this particular issue at this point. And, as I mentioned before, the telephone companies, all of them, kind of change positions as the amendments change on this bill. So, at this point, I do realize that there is a problem in competition with long distance rates. I think that they should have some competition there and let those prices go pretty much where they should, at the same time protecting those companies which are forced to provide local service.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired.

SENATOR LAMB: Sprint and some of those do not have that responsibility and I think LT&T and Northwestern Bell need to be protected but I don't think we can completely deregulate local service. I ask the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: There's a technical motion on the desk. Take up the Landis motion.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to divide the question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Smith.