

being unfair. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Senator...go ahead.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, there was some suggestion that maybe some of us don't understand the problem. I don't think that is the case at all. When Senator DeCamp suggested that maybe we don't understand the question or that this amendment of Senator Lamb's guts the bill, this is one part of the bill that I have been very uncomfortable with. We still have monopolies out there. Those rural lines and those private home lines are still a monopoly and I think there ought to be some way to control unrestricted raises. Now, Senator Lamb's amendment does not restrict the increase to 10 percent. It simply says that if there is a 10 percent increase, or more than a 10 percent increase, there must be a hearing. And if they have reason, if they have cause for more than 10 percent, I think they can probably get that raise. The 10 percent does not restrict them to 10 percent. It simply says that if it is more than that, then there must be an automatic consideration by the Public Service Commission. And this is one part of the bill that I have been very uncomfortable with, that there is no control over that part of the monopoly. That monopoly will still be there, those private telephones. And I think we do need some protection for them and for that reason I support this amendment of Senator Lamb's and urge the rest of you to do it also.

PRESIDENT: On the first point of the question, Senator Smith, I take it you have nothing more to say. Senator Hoagland. Senator Pappas. Senator Lamb, anything further on the point? Senator Schmit, yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I support the Lamb amendment. I want to say that, first of all, I believe it ought to be called to the attention of the body that we are speaking about two totally separate areas of rate. We are talking about the local rates. We are talking about the long distance rates. We have said, in effect, we are going to protect the territory for the local company, while at the same time we allow the local company to totally handle their rates as they see fit. And then, secondly, we are talking