

between 1991 and now. But it seems to me that we need...that we don't need that sort of a termination date on the ability of the commission to get involved. Maybe by that time we'll have a new bill. Maybe we'll have technology which will allow competition for local service. Maybe there will be a little gadget that I can hold in my hand, that is furnished by another company other than the one that runs the wires to my house, and I can, if it is cheaper to use this local service and this little gadget I hold in my hand, I'll have that freedom, so we will have local competition. Then maybe we won't need this by 1991. But my crystal ball is not that clear. I don't think your crystal ball is that clear either. I think that we're running a real chance if we say, by 1991, the only way the Public Service Commission is going to be involved is by the petition process, which you and I both know is almost unworkable. So I would ask that the amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: All right, we are ready for a vote on the second part of the Lamb amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Oh, I'm sorry. I was in such a diligent rush to move things along, I forget that we just barely opened the debate on it. And Senator Lamb just started it. I'm sorry. I apologize to all of you. Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak on the second half of the question? Senator Haberman. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Let somebody else go ahead.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just say that I have to rise to oppose this section. We are dealing with a bill that is going to deal with gradual deregulation of the telephone industry. In the bill itself, if Senator Lamb will look, Section 4 deals with an annual review by the Legislature, in which they not only review it but there also will be provision made for necessary kinds of legislation to take care of the concerns of the first 12 sections, I believe, of the bill. At the end of the five years period of time we're going to know if it is in the best interest of the public to allow total deregulation or not, and that is the purpose for that being there, so that we will look at it at the end of five years, dealing with the things that Senator Lamb was talking about, all those new, innovative kinds of things that may come on the scene in five years