

be doing these things. I will go further. I will say to Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Bill Harris and Senator Loran Schmit, you were sitting there yesterday saying, boy, you had better watch out for those consumers out there at the polls, they are going to wipe you out or words to that effect. I would say if ever you were doing it to the consumer and being played for patsies and pawns, this is the amendment. The amendment is 100 percent Sprint. Now that brings us to who the players are in this whole big contest and who and how the consumer is being represented. Player number one, AT&T, AT&T and their various businesses in the state has a little over 5,000 employees and somewhere between a half a billion and a billion dollars of money actually invested in the state, a lot of it in manufacturing, as you know, Western Electric. Player number two, player number two is Bell Telephone. Bell Telephone has 4,300 employees and a minimum of 800 million invested in the state. Player number three, LT&T. LT&T has hundreds, maybe thousands of employees, I don't know the numbers, and hundreds of millions of investment. Player number four, the little telephone companies, if you would, again thousands of employees, thousands of employees, and hundreds of millions of capital investment in the state. Why babble to you about all these figures? Because I am going to get to player number five and player number five is the important one because player number five was brought into the state I think largely through my efforts to get some competition in here and player number five is the only beneficiary under this amendment, and player number five has four employees in the state. Those four employees are located within a hundred feet of my body right now. They are called lobbyists. That is the capital investment of Sprint in the state who is going to write this bill, and who is going to put this new program. What is this new program that Senator Schmit is offering for deregulation, and, yes, it is hard ball time. It is hard ball time because Senator Schmit declared war yesterday when he said he was getting angry and going to tell you what you were doing to consumers, and when he said, boy, you vote for this amendment of DeCamp's or vote for anything, you are going to get unelected. I will accept my consequences because I am doing what the consumer needs. Player number five, how do they benefit? Player number five can only succeed eminently well when you have no investment whatsoever, you have no employees, and you are doing nothing other than buying something and reselling it, which is what they do. They can only benefit if you keep an artificially high price. That is what you are doing. You are keeping artificially high prices and then they with their entry into the state are only going to