

SENATOR DECAMP: The Public Service Commission can stop anything that is above the cost of service, even 1 percent, 1 penny. So, as I say, it is complicated but trying to take it piece by piece, I think you can begin to see that you are not going to have a state run by Sprint because when things get going tough, they probably will get going.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired. Senator Morehead. Next speakers are Senator Vard Johnson. That was Senator DeCamp speaking on Senator Hoagland's time. Senator DeCamp, again, Senator Landis, Barrett, Abboud, Nelson, Lamb, Schmit. Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. It is really rather intimidating even to stand up and start to speak on the issue because, first of all, I haven't had the experience of being on the Public Works Committee and having the whole background in all of this, and like everybody in here, we are being bombarded and torn and twisted one way or another between competing interests and our underlying interest for what is really good for the State of Nebraska, and trying to cut through the heart of the technicalities and see the overlying issues becomes exceedingly difficult. I am a little concerned about the difference in our mind-set. Over and over again, we say, gee, Nebraska is the last one or one of the last five states to adopt this kind of a policy. I don't care whether it is living wills or teacher retirement or some philosophy dealing with agriculture, oh, 42 other states have done it and here is Nebraska down to one of the last states, but all of a sudden, we are proposing to lead. I mean we are taking a quantum leap over everything and we are going to be the first state to totally deregulate, a state that has a massive of expanse of rural territory out there, a big, big industry concentrated primarily in the eastern part of our state fighting for, in fact, I think their lives in many ways, and yet because of our concern for all of these people is like stacking those hurdles up on the track. You stack them up to see if you can jump over all of them, and if you can't jump over all of them, you are probably going to fall and really skin your knees and come up bloody and battered and beaten, and I am trying to say I think in this I don't want quite so many hurdles stacked there to leap over all at once at one time. I think this is a time when maybe it would behoove us to move a little more slowly. We don't need to kid ourselves. Most of us have been here a little longer than Senator McFarland and I am sure he is really frustrated with this whole issue but we know that if it doesn't quite go the way all the competing