

interests want it to go, we will be back, they will be back, and the issue can be worked out again. It is a lot easier to take it a step at a time and a little more slowly, and then come back, than it is to totally open it up, and if we are talking about steers in a ring or cows in the pasture or wherever it is, let's open the gates and let them all out and then try to corral them. I mean that is a lot of fun for those of you who have tried to do it. Okay, let's don't let them all out and then try to get them back in. Let's keep that gate under control a little bit at a time. Now if we have got problems, then we can open the gate a little further, if you want to. I am going to support Senator Schmit's amendment because I think it goes along with that basic philosophy, getting through all of the technicalities of everything. I think that is a slower step to take. I can understand the frustration that some of the larger companies may be experiencing with our Public Service Commission. I am sympathetic to that. I am sympathetic to the Public Service Commission in trying to handle the technicalities of this industry that is changing so rapidly and so fast that they don't have the staff or the expertise to handle it. So let's deal with those problems and see if we can't help them on that level first before we just say it is not working and open it wide open, and then go from there. I think this is by far the better philosophy, not only for our constituents but for the whole State of Nebraska, and I think even for the big companies. I want to be supportive of them. I want to be supportive of my constituents.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: But I think that this is by far the best philosophy to go with to protect everybody involved. As I say, let's move a little slower. We have been last of so many states for so many things, I don't think we need to prove we can be first in this issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, in some respects I am a lot like Senator Morehead. I am not a member of the Public Works Committee. I have never been a member of the Public Works Committee, and as a result of never having been a member of that committee, I have never had to immerse myself in the issues surrounding telephone companies. So what happens to me, like Senator Morehead, and like an awful lot of us in here who have never been a member of the Public