

subsidized. What I then learned is that because some folk have the gloves off, some folks aren't regulated, they can come in, they can come in and they can now compete for the kind of business that the phone company has had to charge an excessively high price for because the phone company has been required to subsidize the cost to the residential consumer.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: And what I learned is that when that happens, that kind unsubsidized high cost business is drained off the phone company, the result being that over a long period of time the phone company loses that share of the market that has allowed it to subsidize the residential consumer. Bottom line, change has got to occur. It has got to occur so that our phone company literally can compete with the unregulated people in the unregulated market so we can continue to provide some reasonable protections for the heretofore subsidized residential consumer, and I am prepared to take politically, legislatively, the risk, the leap of faith which is 835 as currently amended, taking the gloves off, so to speak, some changes in all phone rates subject, however, to the petition of dissatisfied consumers and subject, however, following the petition of ultimate scrutiny by the Public Service Commission.

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I think it is fair. I think it is just. I think it will provide the right results in a difficult environment. I oppose Senator Schmit's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. I will put the question to you. Do I see five hands? Yes. The question is, shall the debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The motion is to cease debate on the Schmit amendment to the DeCamp amendment. The motion is to cease debate. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Debate is closed. Senator Schmit.