

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...because of the fact that there are just some businesses who are so inclined that they can economically benefit from that and they are not going to worry, they are not going to worry about loyalty, whether it is to LT&T, Northwestern Bell, or the Great Plains Telephone Company. If they can save a buck, they are going to do it. So I would hope that you would pass this...adopt this amendment and enact it into law. I think you will find that it serves your customers or your consumers, the constituents you serve best, and it protects us from the possibility, from the possibility of substantial rate increases at a time when this state and this constituency is least able to afford it. I hope you vote to adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to adopt the Schmit amendment to LB 835. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. A simple majority rules. We will allow 15 seconds for the recording of your votes. Have you all recorded your votes, aye or nay? A record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1744 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Are there other amendments to the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the DeCamp amendment. (Lamb amendment appears on page 1744 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb. The call of the house is raised.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, being circulated is...I have two amendments. The first one is a very simple one. On page 7, lines 9 and 10, strike "until August 31, 1991,". What this does is to eliminate this date which...

PRESIDENT: May we have order in the Chamber please so that the speaker will not be interrupted, over on the north side over here, please. (Gavel.) Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This is an amendment which will continue deaveraging...averaging, would say in effect