

particular service pay the cost of that service. That means some will go up and some will go down, but if you don't do that, it is going to happen in a brutal fashion in the next two or three years and it won't be in an orderly fashion. What we are doing in the bill is doing it in an orderly fashion.

PRESIDENT: Time is expiring.

SENATOR DECAMP: The competitors in the bill have provided more consumer protection than anybody, believe it or not. For example, the local, little telephone companies, the local, little telephone companies have done a better job than if the consumers had 1,000 lobbyists hired. Why? Because they are the ones that know the numbers, they are the ones that have the effect upon them, therefore, they are protecting their own interest. If you ever had adversaries, it is on this bill in the form of the different telephone companies.

PRESIDENT: Time has expired. Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Question.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: The question has been called. Senator Pappas, did you wish to speak? Then I think we might not have to go through the exercise. Thank you for the motion, Senator. I will say then that there being no other speakers, the Chair will recognize Senator Lamb to close.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I think Senator DeCamp has defined it very well, that service in rural areas is going to go out of sight with this bill as it now sits, going out of sight. I don't think there will be a telephone industry out there in a few years because they will use other forms of communication, maybe the Pony Express. Something. There will be something else that we will be using because telephones will be out, because if there is not a willingness to have averaging of these rates, then we should change some other systems we have in this country. We should change the postal system. We should change the postal system. If Senator Hall sends a letter to his next door neighbor, it costs him 22 cents. If he sends a letter to Washington, D.C. or New York, it costs him 22 cents. Averaging. Averaging. Averaging so we can have utilities in this country for everybody. Averaging so we can have utilities in this country for everybody. We have a postal system that has done this for years, averaging. What Senator DeCamp is saying in this bill, in five years we are no longer going to have this