

averaging sort of system, so in some parts of the country we are going to say, you are not going to have this sort of a system. You are not going to be able to afford it. You are going to go back to the dark ages or possibly be bailed out by new technology. I hope new technology, but there is no assurance of that. We go back to the same old argument, that that technology is here for competition, direct competition in long distance rates. It is not here on local service. That is really what we are talking about, and if we are going to have affordable telephone rates in the country, we need to keep deaveraging, we need to keep averaging as it is now, and as he stated, there is no magic in the five year period. In five years, we are going to be facing a crisis. I hope you adopt the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the Lamb amendment to the DeCamp amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. A simple majority rules. The motion is the adoption of the Lamb amendment which has been under discussion. Please record your vote aye or nay. Please record your vote on the Lamb amendment aye or nay. Fifteen seconds to record your vote. Record vote has been requested. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 1744-45 of the Legislative Journal.) 14 ayes, 24 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the bill. (Lamb amendment appears on page 1745 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, at this point it is even getting hard to make a bad bill better, but I will try one more time. As far as I know this will be the last amendment. I have another one up there but I will withdraw that one and I think the consensus is there will be no more. You have it on your desk. It is AM2740. All it does is set out notice. On page 4, line 15, inserts language, it says notice, if there is an increase in rates "Such notice shall include (a) the reasons for the rate increase, (b) a description of the affected services, (c) an explanation of the right of the subscriber to petition the commission for a public hearing on the rate