

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now that is different than adopting an amendment. And if you want to do it in this high-handed, arrogant fashion, you can do it and these people will go along with you. But I strenuously object. There has been no opportunity for anybody to speak in opposition. And I know the train is rolling, I know the phone company has hired people who work in this Legislature, who serve as senators. I've listened to the votes. They've got their pension taken care of by the votes they cast. But I'm not one of them, and I want the opportunity to speak. I can be squelched, but I'm objecting strenuously.

PRESIDENT: The Chair agrees that the motion is new. And, although there has been debate on the subject, the Chair is not going to stand in the way of debate. Senator Marsh, do you wish to speak on the issue?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think she shot her wad.

(Laughter.)

PRESIDENT: Well,

SENATOR MARSH: No, sir, I did not.

PRESIDENT: Her name is still up here, and Senator Chambers is next, and Senator Schmit, Nichol, Pappas and Abboud are next. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, I did not. I'd like to read a paragraph from one of my constituents. For years all telephone companies operated under a monopolistic system, under that system it was correct and fair for each company to have to take all their plans to a public commission for approval. There is no...that is no longer true since the federal government chose to deregulate the industry. What we are now asking the telephone companies to do is operate in a deregulated, nonmonopoly system. The United States was founded on the free enterprise system, and it isn't fair to now tie the hands of the mainline telephone companies while forcing them to compete with the newer long distance companies. And, Senator Chamcoers, I'll be glad to explain to you what your description meant, if you don't know.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, you wish to speak on the issue? Motion is to advance.