

responsibility, you've caved in to those entities who have the power to steamroll the Legislature. And I have enjoyed that success from time to time, and I know how to make it work and I have been at the head of the roller. But I can tell you very frankly that in this instance, if I do not oppose the bill, I would not be fulfilling my responsibility to my constituents. Senator DeCamp and the others who have led the opposition to my suggestions, and who have talked in support of the bill as it stands now, will talk to you about all of the various problems that will happen if you were to have adopted LB 1119. Let me tell you something, ladies and gentlemen, what you have done here today will live with you a long, long while. You will be answering questions that you cannot answer. And, Senator Marsh, I have letters from several of my constituents who have asked me to vote for LB 835. I have checked them out, they all work for the telephone company. Good gosh, we know how that works. I would venture to guess that perhaps your constituent works for the telephone company. If not, they live in Lincoln, they live in Lincoln. It is perfectly right and proper perhaps, Senator Marsh, for you to support your...one of your large employers. Yes, indeed. It's a little bit strange perhaps you know that we all have a little parochialism in us. We all understand who signs the paycheck, we understand that. We also understand that your home company here is a prime benefactor, a prime benefactor of state government. When I offered an amendment to allow the most efficient, or to allow us to look for other sources of opportunity, you opposed it. I wait for the day when one of those 28 or 29 ladies and gentlemen, who support this bill, comes before this Legislature with tears in their eyes, pleading for assistance for the handicapped, the aged, the indigent, the divorcee, the ADC mother who can't afford a telephone, and she marches over to the Public Health Committee and she says you must provide me a telephone. And they come on this floor and my good friend, Senator Vard Johnson, who will then be looking for sources of revenue will say, hmm, what can we do, where will we levy a little tax...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...to raise \$5 million or \$10 million because we've got to provide a telephone for the poor. Ladies and gentlemen, there will be people who will be laughing all the way to the bank. They will say aha. But try to put a tax on that telephone to provide for the indigent, for the handicapped, for the aged, for the blind, and you will meet resistance, ladies and gentlemen, you will meet resistance. And many of my rural