

one. They are not addressed to anybody on the outside, except for one in this body. I want to talk to one person who I believe is sincerely opposing the bill and also who I believe, in my humble opinion, in my humble opinion, pretty accurately would always do what he believes is in consumer interest, and that individual is Senator Chambers. Because I believe if I can convince him, convince him to study the issue, understand the total picture, I believe Senator Chambers would have to conclude that this is the only way to go. Now I can't do that entire job here so I would ask him read the debate, but more than that, learn everything you can assuming the bill might advance, learn everything you can about the whole picture because it goes something like this in a nutshell. One group, as a result of deregulation, one group is now paying artificially high prices, based upon what it costs to provide service, another group is paying artificially low cost based upon what it actually costs to provide the service. You can maintain that forever if you have, on the national level, a regulated system. And maybe you can say it should never have been deregulated, that is debatable. Maybe you can say, as the joke going around was for awhile, America is the only place where you can take a perfectly running machine, a monopoly, and have a court order to destroy it. You can argue all that. I'm telling you it is a fact of life that a new system has been implemented. In that new system, with one group paying artificially high rates and another group artificially low rates, you then end up with a system or a problem where if you are going to have competition, if you are going to have an open system rather than a regulated and controlled system, the one who is charging artificially high rates over here and being forced to do it, while others can charge lower rates, is going to lose their customers who are being forced to pay the artificially high ones. What is the solution? Well, the solution I am proposing and I am suggesting is to allow, over a reasonable period of time, each to pay his or her own actual cost of that service. Now, Senator Schmit and others would say well that is going to be massive increases and overall there are going to be these windfall profits. The facts are quite different. Check your records. And, Senator Chambers, I'd ask you to do this because I know you will. Statistically what service, in this country, has gone up less than any other service that is being provided, less than the rate of inflation. What service? Telephones because technology has regularly, regularly been lowering rates, lowering costs. Now it is true that as you have one person pay the actual cost, and they are paying a lower cost than it costs, theirs is going to go up. But somebody else's is going to go down. The total