

legislation. There are mandates through special ed programs that I simply don't know how the small schools could handle if we did not have this. You know, we're in a time, right now, when everybody is chopping at everybody else's neck. And I could see some board of directors and so on of some schools really not realizing what the situation is, or what the ramifications are, and somebody standing up and making a motion, and heck, let's get out of there, and really not think beyond the end of their nose. I certainly don't...hope you don't support this.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I want to call attention to a couple of things that have been said here this morning. First of all, we talked about a study. I want to remind...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...the body and some members of my...some loyal members of my committee that the Public Works Committee conducted a study on telephone rates. This body, yesterday, rejected that study and went around it and opted, instead, to go with the industry. So you can never tell what is going to happen from a study. Number two, I want to point out again also that in the case of the bill, LB 902, to allow the City of Omaha, Douglas County, to opt out of the NRD wasn't a bad idea. In fact I supported it because I thought that NRD had not been responsive to the City of Omaha. I want to remind some others here that once Omaha led the way there were a number of other cities that also expressed their displeasure. I can assure you that that is going to be corrected. I would have thwarted that bill on the floor, as far as I'm concerned. The truth was that I do not believe that in their heart the City of Omaha wanted out, they really wanted to change the voting procedure for the election of directors. And that might not be a bad idea, as far as I am concerned. I'm willing to look at anything. The point I want to make is this, we come down here and we bleed and we cry, and we plead and we threaten for the poor taxpayer. There comes a time when the body has to say no to certain areas. Now, we're going to cut out, I see a notice in the paper this morning that the University of Nebraska has decided that the school at Curtis has got to go. Why do you suppose the school at Curtis has to go? Well, what do you suppose? Why do you suppose it's got to go? Because it does not have a broad enough constituency