

say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I move that LB 931 be advanced from Select File to E & R for Engrossment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. Do have have anything to put in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No, sir.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Now we are ready to move on to Special Order, 835.

CLERK: Mr. President, yes, sir. Mr. President, I do have E & R amendments. However, I do have an amendment to the E & R amendments, and that amendment is offered by Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit's amendments, Mr. President, are printed separately. You will find them in your bill book. It is request 2872.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Did you say you had E & R amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, an amendment to the E & R amendments by Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the body, I would hope that you would all listen very carefully. The amendment which I am about to present as an amendment to the E & R amendments are the amendments which I have discussed with many of you that are the result of the study that was conducted by Arthur Anderson relative as to how the telephone industry should proceed with deregulation. I would like to tell you why I think this approach is preferable to the bill in its current form. First, I would like to say that I believe the Legislature is the wrong forum for making the determination as to what aspects of telecommunications should be regulated. The Public Service Commission is a constitutional agency which is charged with the responsibility of regulating common carriers. I believe that we should give them the ability to regulate or deregulate, depending upon whether there is effective competition. There