

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, Senator Schmit asked, along with Senator Harris, that people listen. And then he proceeded to talk for about 30 minutes with time from various people. And I applaud him. Now I'm asking you to listen because I think in the few five minutes I have I can prove that he and Senator Abboud either are hopelessly lacking knowledge of what they are talking about, or are being totally inconsistent. I want to talk about something you better become familiar with called local measured service. Senator Schmit got up and said the evils of local measured service because Widow Jones, Widow Jones might not be able to afford her telephone. Senator Abboud got up and explained the evils of local measured service, but he's getting his information, I rather suspect, from NFIB, National Federation of Independent Business. Please listen so you understand, when you get hit in the open field, what local measured service is, and what its purposes are, and then you will understand how contradictory and absurd Senator Schmit's statements are, along with Senator Abboud. Let's use an actual example. Let's take Widow Jones, living in Bellwood, Nebraska. Then let's take the local bank, a National Federation of Independent Business member in Bellwood, Nebraska. And then let's take one third person, let's call it Senator Loran Schmit in Bellwood, Nebraska. At the present time, at the present time, as Senator Schmit stated, we all pay \$7.79 there. It may be a little more because it's a business phone for the bank, or whatever, but it is \$7.79 generally speaking. Widow Jones makes two calls a month, let's say, three maybe. She's paying \$7.79. Over at the local bank they are paying their \$7 or \$8 and they make 57 calls per day. So they are using their phone for hundreds of calls, Widow Jones is only using it for a couple. In order to make sure that the consumer, Widow Jones and a whole bunch of little people, have a reasonable price, local measured service means simply okay, okay, we'll base the banks calls on the number of calls they make. And we'll base Widow Jones on that number also. Why should Widow Jones be subsidizing the bank? Or, better yet, Senator Loran Schmit, and everybody knows that Loran has a pretty serious disease, a pretty serious disease, he's a "phoneaholic". That's right. Any time you see Loran off the floor he'll have a phone on his ear. So why should Widow Jones have to take care of the "phoneaholics"? Local measured service is already something that you can use and is available. Now here is the rest of the story. Seventy percent of the people who have opted to use local measured service, which is now available, have actually saved money doing it. It is simply another tool, and there is nothing in this