

able to afford it. I said, what about the little old lady on the edge of town, and it costs double or triple her current rate in order to provide her service, because that is what this is all about, having it carry its own weight. I said what about that little old lady on the edge of town, has her phone bill doubled, or tripled, quadrupled and can't afford to pay it. What happens? And the response was immediate. They'd already thought about it. They said, government subsidy. This is a free enterprise industry, that was their immediate response, setting up another system of government subsidy.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Half minute.

SENATOR HARRIS: I'm going to support the amendment. Thank you, Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, you have 20 seconds left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I just want to say very briefly that first of all this amendment gives the Public Service Commission the authority to deregulate where competition is present, and otherwise gives them the authority to continue regulation where competition is not present. Contrast to Senator DeCamp's proposal, which controls...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...the territory and totally deregulates pricing. I believe you should support my amendment. I ask your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Schmit amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I'd like a call of the house and I'll take call in votes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is, shall the house go under...okay, we are under call. But you may check in. Those who are not here, please return to the Chamber and check in because we are under call at the moment. So please look up to see if your green light is illuminated, like Senator Schmit, Senator Lynch, Senator Smith, Senator Baack, Senator DeCamp, Senator Goodrich, Senator Hefner. Senator Smith, Senator Hefner. Authorized call in...call ins are authorized. We are