

CLERK: Senator Lowell Johnson voting yes. 27 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the DeCamp amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The DeCamp amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the Enrollment and Review amendments is by Senator Hefner. (Hefner amendment is printed on page 1974 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I move for the adoption of this amendment. What this amendment does is says that when the commission denies an increase to the telephone company, that they would have to wait six more months before they could file for another increase. Now in the bill, as I read it, I don't believe...

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...I don't believe that we have any time restraints. And this amendment says that once the commission denies the increase the telephone company cannot increase the rates for six months. I feel that this is the only fair way to go. We need to give these customers a little time. The reason I'm doing this is because I'm concerned about the phone rate increases. I don't think the proponents should have a problem with this because it is reasonable, it is fair, it is just, and I think it is the way to go. So I would urge the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, then Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, we did just put in 90 days which is identical to what the rule is now. However, if Senator Hefner believes this is more appropriate, as we move into deregulation, if we want to be more cautious, I guess I have no objections, and I'll vote for the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, would you like to close on your motion.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I'll be brief. I'm happy to see that Senator DeCamp is going along with