

returned a little bit of it, you made it impossible to administer without creating a fiscal note that is going to bankrupt the state because there will be no way, if there is a 137 different exchanges in the LT&T, a whole bunch of them in Northwestern Bell, and only the good Lord knows how many others are in the state, and by the time they all start coming in for rate increases and you recognize that you have a 90-day intermediate period from one to the next, can you imagine the physical burden you are placing upon the PSC? You think you had hell to pay in the past, what are you creating here? And when you go back home, try to explain it to the public, and if you don't suffer great embarrassment, you are going to do a lot better job of it than I think you will because it is impossible to explain. You cannot draft a bill of this nature and this complexity upon the floor. It cannot be done and it is going to be a mistake and you will be back here next year hoping to straighten it out but it isn't going to work. And in the meantime, in the meantime, if you thought, as I said before, you had troubles, you are going to compound them. I wish that I could have helped Senator Smith with her problem. I just don't see how it is going to work in this capacity. Once we have made the decision to go the 835 route, you are past the point of no return. You turn a skunk loose in the chicken house, he is either going to eat chickens and suck eggs or you are going to have to get him out of there. And I will tell you what, it is not easy to do either one.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I believe it is time for Senator Smith to close. I don't see any other lights that wish to speak on the Smith amendment. But, Senator Smith, may I please introduce some guests of Senator Lynch, please, under the north balcony. If you would stand as I read your names, we would appreciate it and we will applaud you after you are all standing. Some daughters of Senator Lynch are Julia Freeman, Marianne Lynch, Maureen Lynch, and grandson, John, and grandson, Josh, and granddaughter, Katy O'Mara. Welcome to the Legislature. Thank you. Senator Smith, to close on your amendment.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Wasn't that a pleasant little interlude there? That was nice. In closing, I would just simply like to address a little bit of the concerns of Senator Schmit, and, Senator Schmit, I have a lot of respect for. We all...everyone knows that, and as a member of the Public Works, do respect him as the Chairman of that committee. And I am not trying to go against Senator Schmit or the committee, it is simply that I feel that we don't have LB 1119