

are looking for Senator Sieck, Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Hefner. Would you three gentlemen please return to the Chamber promptly so we can move on. Senator Sieck, Senator Rod Johnson and Senator Hefner. We are looking for Senator Hefner and Senator Sieck. Please return to the body. We are waiting for Senator Hefner only. Senator Hefner, would you please come to the body, please. Senator DeCamp, would you like to do your closing at this time.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Mr. President. There has been a lot of discussion so I want to try to reduce it to the simplest form, deal with three issues, the fact, the method and the warnings. Nobody in the body on any side of this has denied the fact that deregulation is a fact of life to be faced up to, whether it is Senator Schmit or Senator Abboud or the cartoons or the editorials, you name it, they all accept and acknowledge, finally, that deregulation is a fact of life you have to deal with. And so that is a fact. Now the method of deregulation, the method of deregulation can be one of three. One, you deregulate by adding a complete and very expensive and entirely new system of additional regulation for deregulation. That is Senator Schmit's approach and it is one approach. It is an approach that is being tried in Washington, Washington State, and it was primarily written by the Sprint people there. The first thing they discovered was that it did add incredible new costs, a million dollars just for the additional regulation. That is one method. The other method is somewhat what we are doing here. That method is you deregulate by deregulating. In other words, you teach people to swim by putting them in the water and starting them out rather than the other way. That is the method being proposed. Now, do we have samples? Do we have living examples, Senator McFarland, of where this method has been tried? Has anybody pioneered this? Has anybody dared to go this far? We have heard Senator Schmit state and Senator Lamb state repeatedly this would go where no state has ever gone before. I submit to you they are wrong. One state has tested it and pioneered it and shown it works. That state is the State of Nebraska and the people that pioneered it were Senator Schmit and Senator Lamb and Senator Clark. That is correct. Over 50 percent now of the rural people, rural telephones, follow exactly or even less stringent measures than are proposed in this bill. Now, those are simply facts you can't deny. In 1982 that legislation was pioneered on an experimental basis in the rural areas for limited numbers. I think it was under 5,000, whatever the numbers were. It is the same thing. The only difference, the only difference is that this is even slower than