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LB 835A

offered by Senator Warner. (Read.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, on your A bill. (Gavel.)
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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, this is the A bill for 835. I have no idea what is going to happen to 835. But the A bill reflects about half the amount that was proposed by the Public Service Commission. I know there are those who feel it is not a correct amount, but I would, in order that the issue is properly handled I'd move its advancement.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, we have a motion on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to indefinitely postpone the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I move the bill be killed. There is absolutely no logic or any reason to be having an A bill. I will take you back to yesteryear, to the days of the litter bills and some of the other things which Senator Schmit, for sure, should remember. When a department or agency determines that they are going to get active in lobbying, which it is my understanding it is illegal to do, but which seems to have no bearing whatsoever upon the Public Service Commission, when they decide to do that they use all of the resources. One of the resources available is to put a completely fraudulent, and I use the word with all its substantive meaning, a completely fraudulent fiscal note as to what it supposedly is going to cost. Probably 835 is the classic example of the abuse of an agency in doing this. Let me read you, for example, the fiscal note on their proposal, 1119 which is Senator Schmit's bill. They conclude, in their fiscal note on that one, and remember that is the one that has massive new regulatory things that Senator Schmit himself acknowledged for all the new employees and everything, would cost, I think he had a half a million in it. Washington state, which duplicated that system, spent an initial million hiring new people. That one is going to cost nothing according to the fiscal note. Whereas, if you eliminate the need for employees, if you deregulate, then supposedly that is going to cost more money. I submit to you that in light of the fact that the bill would not go into effect until January 1, 1987, in light of the fact that there is a court test, at best if it does pass, and in light of the fact