

it is going to cost some money, be that \$1, be it \$2, be it \$400,000, it still needs that A bill. So I would hope that, even though there is some disagreement on the amount of money that this bill will cost, that this bill, the A bill attached to 835, is advanced on. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, please. Then Senator Schmit.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, let me just...I'm not taking a position on 835 in this. My concern always is on legislation that may have a cost is that there is a very clear record, number one. That if there is not to be a cost then next year if there is a deficit request, or an appropriation request, historically, at least, the Appropriations Committee takes the position that wasn't to cost anything and we're not going to fund it. No different than what we did with the probation officers, you may recall. It wasn't supposed to cost anything, we didn't fund it. Now, in this case there is always a legitimate argument about the cost of a new program. The bill, as it currently stands, is at two hundred and some thousand. The fiscal note that the Public Service Commission sent over, since the last amendments were adopted, was reduced from 900 plus thousand to 730. However, the fiscal analyst is suggesting, and this is in the event that there are additional hearings in the time frame they have to be done, 158,000 for '86-87, which would be half a year. Then the second year funding would be 318,000. Now, I'm perfectly willing to, if the majority of the body feels there should be no cost, that is fine with me. If there is a deficit request or an appropriation request next time, as far as I'm concerned it will not be funded because that would be the intent of the body, that there would be no cost. So that is the basis for it. I explain it only.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, notwithstanding the inflammatory rhetoric of Senator DeCamp, part of which was probably true, I think Senator Warner has properly addressed the fact and that is that LB 835, as it stands today, has a fiscal cost. If Senator DeCamp chooses to amend out those provisions of the bill which will do away with the hearings, which will do away with all the right of appeal and the due process, what little bit there is in there for the public, then, of course, there may not be any cost. But I can guarantee you if that happens then the public is at the total mercy of the telephone industry. If you want to be responsible for that then I would