

that if only the individuals on this floor who have read the bill in its entirety could vote upon the bill, it would probably lose by about 4 to 3, and I am not proposing that any of us or all of us ever read all of the bills. We have to rely upon individuals. We have to rely upon others. It was my original intent when the study was conducted that we would certainly move toward deregulation. I believe the amendments that I offered did that. What you have here is not deregulation. I feel a little bit as though I were going bear hunting carrying a .22 caliber single shot rifle with a .22 short and I ran into a bunch of grizzlies, and I would just like to tell you that I don't mind hunting grizzlies. I don't even mind shooting them with a .22 short, but when they keep coming and coming and coming and eventually you run out of ammunition, you find yourself getting clawed a little bit, and I have been clawed a bit in the last few weeks. Had we convened upon Thursday, this bill would not have become law. Our amendment would have been adopted, and it would have eventually passed into the statute books. I don't mind to lose on an issue, ladies and gentlemen, when I believe I am right and you think you are right. I don't mind losing on an issue when I believe I am right and you think I am wrong, but I do not like to lose on an issue when I know I am right and members of this body have told me that I am right, but because of various commitments, they can't vote as I have asked you to vote on this floor. I have not worked the floor. I have not lobbied you as individuals. I have not tried to offset the many well qualified, dedicated people who have presented the case for LB 835. They are all sincere. They believe in what they are doing. I would like to think that those of us who oppose LB 835 do so because we represent a conviction that the public has a right to some protection, to some protection. One of my favorite newspapers, the state's largest newspaper,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...noted this in an editorial on April 11, decontrol bill still needed. Now I don't know whether it is true or not, but I have been told that that little newspaper has bypassed the local telephone company in order to save some money. I have asked you, I have handed out a little handout, front page of the World Herald says, "Airline and Telephone Deregulation Which Have Reduced Services and Increased Costs to Rural Residents." Read the article. On the back of that same article, editorial from the Lincoln Star quoting Lee Iacocca, read it. I will not take the time but I have asked you to read