

is so easy to get petition signatures but it has been my experience it isn't quite all that easy. And one final point, we have mentioned that the bill doesn't have to be passed this year, that the bill is unconstitutional, and the bill has been labeled somehow as an economic development measure. Now I don't think one proponent of the bill has stood up on this floor and said that one new job was going to be created by the passage of this bill, not one job. I will be willing to speculate that we are going to lose jobs in this state because telephone rates are going to go up. They are going to go up anyway but they are not going to go up to the extent that they are going to go up with the passage of this bill, and one final point. Once those rates go up, there will be one person that that person is going to criticize, one individual that is going to be criticized, and that is going to be their state senator...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...because he will be allowing an increase in the rates. He will be mandating an increase in the rates, and it is my belief that that just isn't good politics. I urge this body to bring the bill back and strike the enacting clause. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: It is Senator Abboud's motion to return LB 835 to Select File to consider the amendment of striking the enacting clause. You are now voting on the motion to return to Select File. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record your vote aye or nay on the passage of 835. Excuse me, not on the passage, no, on the motion to return the bill to Select File. Have you all voted? Record the vote. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 2389 of the Legislative Journal.) 16 ayes, 28 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return.

PRESIDENT: Motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a motion from Senator Schmit to return the bill for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, it would appear that the die is pretty well cast. It would appear that most of you