

not charge for that service and that is very laudable of that company and they are to be commended because they have taken the position which indicates that they do not want to make that kind of service available to their customers. But I want to point out to you the most recent article which I have just placed upon your desk. Begin reading the final paragraph of that article. It says Pacific Bell which earned 24.5 million of the 71.7 million Dial A Porn industry that uses its lines and switches told the court that it shouldn't be held responsible for what happened to some young lady, young girl who happened to be sexually molested. I don't want to argue that point. What I am saying here is that if I, as a customer, want to have my telephone blocked to the 976 number, I ought to be able to request it and that the charge for that service ought to be regulated by the Public Service Commission. Now we do not know whether or not Northwestern Bell will continue their present gracious policy of blocking that number without a fee. We do not know that. We do not know if they will continue their present policy of attempting to screen that kind of message. We know that the public is very innovative. When there is this kind of money to be made from that kind of an activity, we all know what the normal course of human events will dictate. There will be those who will say it is their responsibility to earn an income and a return for their stockholders and will decide perhaps to make that service available. The point I want to make is this. If they decide to make the service available, then the blockage of that service ought to be regulated by the PSC and had not ought to be allowed discrimination of the industry. If, for example, if, for example, the industry decided that it was worth \$100 to block that access...

PRESIDENT: Half a minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...how many people would be able to afford it? I am a little bit surprised that my good friend, Senator Nelson, said she doesn't want to get into this area. I think that Senator Nelson ought to be interested, ought to be interested in determining exactly who is responsible and to what extent for the provision of this kind of service. I think we have seen evidence that it needs to be regulated and I would hope that you would go along and offer that service. My original amendment said that they shall do it for no fee.

PRESIDENT: Time.