

system is it not possible for the industry to do this without the introduction of a bill?

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Then why do we have a bill?

SENATOR HALL: Because, Senator Schmit, I wanted to see that it took place. I...

SENATOR SCHMIT: You don't believe that the motivation of the industry toward service of the public is sufficient to bring about this kind of a service to those who need it?

SENATOR HALL: No, Senator Schmit, every once in a while they just need a nudge. This is a nudge.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I see. Well, you know, Senator, some time ago I was driving through Omaha and I used a pay phone to call another senator and I know I've been accused of talking too long, but after 10 minutes I was notified that I had to deposit another 25 cents and, of course, that means that we now have local measured service, at least on some of the pay phones, and I would assume that there will be an adjustment and an indication of leaning toward this type of charge and I know this four cent is a minuscule thing and I don't object to that at all to provide service to these people who obviously need it, but an industry which is propelled by public service and generates billions of dollars of revenue, it seems to me that it would be totally...it would be a total embarrassment to the industry to have this bill introduced, that they just ought to take care of it and I guess my question to you is this, certainly, you have seen the need for this bill. Have you observed any other kind of problems that might be prevalent among the low income individuals who mentioned that, the lifeline type program or that sort of thing? Are there needs there that are not being met?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Schmit, I think you're aware that there have been other bills introduced to deal with the...for example, the 911 system across the state. I think that is going to be addressed later this session. There are, just as...the other half of this bill, the companion bill that I mentioned briefly dealing with the TDD devices, these are not inexpensive items. To put the system in place and then not have the machinery