

CLERK: Senator, I have Enrollment and Review amendments first of all.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 305.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator McKenzie would move to amend the bill. (McKenzie amendment appears on page 1235 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Yes, thank you, Madam President and members of the body, following discussions of LB 305 on General File with Senator Hall, we negotiated an amendment that would change the cap in the bill to 20 cents instead of 25 cents. I believe Senator Hall is in support of that amendment, as is the Public Service Commission. This is AM1006. I believe you had it passed out to you this morning, so, with that, I would answer any questions you might have and ask for your support in this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Senator Hall, did you wish to address the amendment?

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members, I rise to support the amendment. It, at a minimum, reduces the increase from 150 percent to 100 percent for purposes of the cost, at least that would be available, the levy that would be available to the Public Service Commission to provide telecommunication services. The projection is that this should last them for a good number of years, that it would be something that they would only use as needed. They would, under the bill, look each year to see what the requests have been for purposes of the service, the relay system, and then they would set the fee accordingly. By putting it at 20 percent, 20 cents, rather, per subscriber you do allow for, I would believe, anywhere from two to four years, at a minimum, for the system to take care of itself. The problem has been is that early on the estimates and with speaking with Senator McKenzie over the time between