

system. Right now the way the bill is worded, that you use the county clerk as sort of the clearing house to make the initial contact, they will have the list of where you can contact or the numbers that you can call and that you go on from there if you're digging in that area, you thus make your one call. That center, that one-call center will then contact all the various utilities or people who are operators of the facilities, be they telephone lines, water lines, or whatever, and attempt to call them and say someone is going to dig in this area, you have facilities in this area, take care of it. It is then incumbent upon those people to come out within two business days and mark that area and then you must...and there's restrictions here and part of the committee amendments I'll get into in specifics, you come out and you have that marked and then you are relieved primarily of liability if you dig in that area for any damages you would cause. If you refuse, if you don't call, if you don't call, you are subject to per se liability which means the fact that if any damage is done, you're liable for it. Now we're talking the difference between damages and repairs. The law basically is that you're going to have to pay for the repairs to put the system back together. If you sever a small water line, it may not be a big deal and if you sever the Internet system or the pipe or the phone lines from SAC out to the Rocky Mountain Arsenal, you might be talking about a lot of repair. It just depends on what you hit and thus the reason for the system. This is incumbent to do and is necessary to do for the pipelines, the gas pipelines, the natural gas industry. For the rest of the people who have the facilities, the way the bill is worded is that it is optional. They do not have to belong. Senator Withem will bring to you what is going to be the issue here as to whether the system should be mandatory for everyone and not just the pipelines that have to be, by federal law, placed in here. So you will see some parts of the bill that require the pipelines to do something and the rest it refers to people who are members of the center and operators who choose to belong to do that. In specifics, what do the committee amendments do? The first one is that we originally had in the bill, if you were going to be an excavator, we defined excavator and then there are some exceptions. One of the exceptions was that tilling or gardening for agricultural purposes as long as you didn't disturb the soil at a depth of 12 inches or more. So, in effect, if you could do gardening and you were going to stay within the top 12 inches of the soil, you didn't have to worry about this law. Where you get into a problem is that there are many farmers, particularly today, in the area of, if