

have lines, pipes buried in that neighborhood. Each one of those companies then sends out a locator. The locator goes out and locates, paints on the ground where the stuff is buried so the person digging, they'll know how to avoid that. To make it work, everybody that has something buried has to be a part of that individual process. One other change that's made by my amendment that is fairly significant, the green copy of the bill indicates that if the locator comes out and says, I don't know where my facilities are located, it then becomes incumbent upon the excavator to hand dig...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...to locate...excuse me, one minute? Okay. It then becomes incumbent upon that excavator to hand dig to locate it. That is an undue burden on the excavator. What the amendment does is it puts it back more to common practice where it becomes kind of a joint responsibility of the locator and the excavator to make the determination where the facility is located and I think that would be more workable. I think you'll have a much more workable bill if my amendments are adopted. If you don't, quite frankly, I think it's an unfair bill because it puts too much of the burden back on the excavator and the excavator is part of this whole process, part of this whole team of making the system work and I think it's important that this amendment be adopted. I'd urge you to support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Before we continue, I would like to call the senators' attention to again to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senators Haberman and Elmer are 21 fifth and sixth grade students from Beaver Valley Elementary in Danbury, Nebraska, and their teachers. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. The speaking order now is Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Vrtiska, Kristensen, Pirsch, Schellpeper, Abboud and Wickersham. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Withem or Senator Kristensen, either one, could answer a question for me because Lincoln Electric System, in particular, does not like this bill from the point of view of having the idea, the concept mandated. As Senator Withem and Senator Kristensen have both mentioned, Lincoln and Omaha, and evidently Papillion, Sarpy County, have, are already in the one-call system. As far as I know, it works really well. And I can