

it. I think it might be pretty easy for representatives from Iowa and representatives from Nebraska to get together and decide how we're going to cut up Kansas, but people in Kansas may have another point of view. In reference to Senator Crosby's concerns about putting this in stone and having to come back to the Legislature to change it, that's just not the way the bill is written and I'm referncng the bill, the bill itself, to my amendment, doesn't change, but Section 20 of the bill talks about the operations of the one-call center and it says the members will set up the rules for how this one-call will govern, how this one-call center operates. The Fire Marshal will set up some rules and regulations, but the actual operating procedures of the one-call center will be handled by the members themselves. I know that there has been a lot...and Senator Vrtiska raised some points, some valid points, I think, about rural water districts that don't know where their lines are located and that that is a problem. It's a problem, but, quite frankly, it's a very scary problem to me, thinking that we have potable water running in our state for human consumption that people at the other end of the line turn on the taps and water comes through and out of faith they're assuming that hat water is going to be pure, but the people that are delivering that don't know where that water, those water lines are running. They don't know if they have leaks in them, if pollutants are seeping into that water or how we're going to locate those if we do have problems, how are we going to locate those; how are the water districts going to locate those if we have leaks, if we have other problems with the operation of that water system? So it is a problem. It's a problem but it's one that I think maybe a bill like this would give them the motivation to get out and make those locations. I don't think it's...I understand it's easier if they are metal lines and you have metal indicators to find out where exactly things are located...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...but it's a mind-boggling situation to me to think that we have water lines buried throughout our state and the people that buried them don't remember where they put them, but that's kind of the message we're getting. The phase-in issue, I know some people made reference to that. I'd have no problem with a phase in if the liability and the responsibility for notifying the one-call center or members, operators that are not members of the one-call center was also phased in. I offered an amendment to do that. The people that are opposing