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SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And that money goes in and basically charges that and I don't remember if there is a membership fee for the operators. I don't think there is a membership fee. I think it's all on the phone calls that come in.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Say I make a phone call, it still...will I have to pay any fee?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No. No.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Who pays...how do you pay for it then?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, let's say that I am the telephone company and you're an excavator. You go out and you say I'm going to dig a basement in my house. I'm not sure where the telephone line is. I know that I've got to comply with the one-call system so you make the phone call to the center and the center calls me. The phone call, the charge for you calling that center and then them contacting me as the telephone company, I pay for you calling to notify me.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And the reason, the policy behind that is, I'm the one that is saving the money because I don't have to go out and repair the lines when they get broken so it's sort of a preventive thing.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. Another question. Will there be just one place, say if the...regardless of whether it is mandatory or not, be just one place people call or will there be places throughout the state?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If you do...well, it makes a difference if it's mandatory because of it's...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, say it is mandatory.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If it is mandatory, yes, there is one place to call, and then that center that one-call center then has the responsibility to call all the various utilities because you may have a pipeline, electric utility or a gas line to contact.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Then they can get back to that, the person?