

works in areas where they have one-call, and I think that's how it would work. Again, it was the controversial portion of the bill, but I don't believe there's a lot of controversy about the manner in which it is being resolved by this particular portion of the amendment. I would urge your adoption.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. If I was to stand up and voice some concerns here, let's say, for some of the water systems, I would look very closely at the Withem amendment here, because I think this goes a long way towards satisfying some of your fears. Those people who do not know the location of their lines basically have operations out there where they're saying if somebody cuts it, we'll just...one, that will help us find where they're at, but two is that we really don't know what to do in order to find them either. And what this will do is at least attempt to bring the parties together and say, look, we'll give you all the information we can to try to find that line. If it's an old line and it doesn't have the magnetic string, some of them have tape, others have signage on both ends of the field, there's a wide variety of those things. What they at least have to do at this point is if they don't know or can't determine, to give all their information that they have and to out and provide assistance. Senator Withem, perhaps you could make this...in your closing, but it's my impression that this does not make it easier for the operator to say, on every case, I don't know where they're at, you just go out and find it yourself, and sort of allow a lazy operator because this also requires that they provide location assistance. If they don't do that, that then becomes a violation of the act, subjects them to penalties and other problems. So there's still a burden upon the operator to do the best they can. To me this, Senator Vrtiska, this might go a long way towards relieving some of the problems that those...the water people may have is to say we don't know exactly where they're at, some may be old, there were never records kept, would at least say we have some idea where they're at, we know they go over here to old Bud Robinson's house, and it kind of goes cattie-corner that way, that's the sort of information that I suppose you at least give. And I think it goes some way, it doesn't totally exempt them out, but it does, I think, go quite a ways, and I would support this part of the Withem amendment. Thank you, Madam President.