

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, but they will care if somebody damages those water lines. And how in the world are they ever going to hold anybody else responsible and collect their damages if they don't even know where the lines are at?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the answer is then that the owner of the facility is responsible.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: They're going to be responsible to fix it, and then if they can find anybody else who's negligent, they'll go after them, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: The problem that I have, and I guess this is why I brought the issue up, all of these water lines that were laid, particularly in my area, and I'm sure everywhere they're laid, they have an easement that they have acquired. So, in a sense they.. they own that strip of ground. And if you dig down and they tell you it's here and you drive over six feet and you hit the line, they own that, they have a right to that 20...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...they have a right to that 20 feet of space that they got an easement on. So you're intruding into their property.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I just don't think that's true at all.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well,...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: It's an easement, it isn't an ownership right.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, it's an easement, but they have the right to put it there.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: They had permission to put it there, and I assume that most easements allow them to dig for maintenance, but it doesn't...it doesn't relieve them of respon...I mean, they own that piece of property, it's not like they're trespassing.

SENATOR VRTISKA: What I'm trying to say is, though, that if there's some responsibility on both sides and everybody tries to