

to find it. It doesn't make any sense to me at all. When you put a line in, you know where it's at. And, for example, in the city in the old days when they brought a water line into a house they would say it came in off the street four feet south of the north line of the house, or three feet, six inches west of the east line of the house. All you had to do was go in and find out where it came in and draw a straight line, and that was it. A city, I don't care how small, a town, I don't care how big, a rural fire district or an urban metropolitan utility has the responsibility to keep these records. It should not be the responsibility of someone who has no idea at all what the people who...from the people who put this in, they at least have the right to know where these kinds of improvements were installed. It seems to me that they have the obligation maybe to pay the whole cost, if they don't keep complete records, pay the whole cost of the repair and maintenance, if any damage is done. You're going to miss some, once in a while. It could be a foot or two off, or three off. I think there is shared responsibility. But in the absence of any records at all, maybe we should offer an amendment that would say that the utility company would be completely and totally responsible if any damage is done and if any costs are...are accomplished as a result of that. Seems to me a reasonable amendment. Seems to be a very necessary bill. It seems kind of silly that we're fighting over it, to be completely frank, and I think we ought to pass the amendment and pass the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Madam President, I would respectfully call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have a motion to call the question. Do we have sufficient seconds? We do. We'll now vote on the motion to cease debate. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. And I will recognize Senator Withem for closing.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, what this amendment does, quite simply, is amend Section 25. The bill now places all of the responsibility for location, ultimate