

of this when they're going to have the difficulty that I can see in trying to establish where they're at. Now, there may be a time in the future, and I would not certainly want to suggest that this may some day be necessary and be valuable, but at this time, until these water districts can have some time to know that this is coming and be able to get up to speed and find some of their lines and get them located so that they can...they can't even give the register to the operator where these lines are at, in many instances. And I think that the mandatory part bothers me more than anything else. I think it should be left operational if a...some of the utilities now have their own system, and maybe they've got a better system than they see coming up. It's going to take some time to tell. So I think this should be a system that's developed and becomes an option whether a particular utility wants to join, and once it gets up and going and it seems to be working well, then maybe every...obviously, if it's like it's been explained, maybe every...I'm sure everybody would want to get on sooner or later. But I don't think they ought to be forced at this point, until such time as they can bring it up to speed where it's shown to be of the value that we've been led to believe it is. I think it probably will be a great deal of benefit. I just think it's a little premature to force some of these particularly small agencies into becoming a part of something that's going to cost money and perhaps heap more liability on their particular utility. So I stand to oppose the mandatory section of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. Question of Senator Kristensen, if he's present. Okay. Senator Withem is gone also? Help, to anybody. Is it true that the federal government is requiring this type of a system for natural gas, other types of pressurized transfers of inflammable liquids, that this is, basically, a federal mandate that began this? Senator Kristensen, question is, is it true that there is a federal mandate for the states to develop a one-call system for basically pipelines that transport hazardous or inflammable substances?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator Coordsen.