

any amount would participate in this because of the question of liability, certainly of location and the plain fact that the costs of interruption of service are something that don't want...that...that the operators of the various underground utilities certainly would not want to bear, and this is in addition, of course, to the cost of the repair of whatever physical damage.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: It would be my thought that we don't need, at this point in time, the mandatory language if, in fact, it would work out in the future that there were people who had a reason to belong that did not. I can't imagine what that reason would be, because of the low cost of belonging, that it would work out for everybody in the state to have the one-call system. Sounds like a heck of a good idea to me. It's just in the formative stages. I'm not so sure we need to mandate it right at this point in time. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Schmitt, followed by Senators Wehrbein, Lynch and Kristensen. Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Madam President, and members of the body, I just wanted to speak a little bit. I think Senator Kristensen pretty much explained this morning the committee ruling on it but I wanted to touch on that a little bit as I was on that committee and it was brought to us without the mandatory amendment on it and this was the way that it was passed out of committee and I guess I just wanted to relate on that that that is my feeling. I think it should be passed without the mandatory part on it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam President, and members, I, too, want to...I guess I'll support...I wanted to support the optional part or take out the mandatory. I feel a little uncomfortable because I generally agree with what is going on. I feel uncomfortable appearing to be fighting this because I think the idea is fine except I dislike the mandatory part and that's the dilemma I have, is that I think we're moving a little too fast. It's my understanding, I guess, Senator Kristensen, maybe you could correct me if I'm wrong, but there's five