

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, could I ask Senator Withem a question? Senator Withem, is the date two years from now, is that the date that applies as far as the mandate is concerned, in your amendment? In other words, these records have to be up to speed and in place somewhere for the one-call system to work in two years.

SENATOR WITHEM: The date in the bill for the one-call center to be operational for those to belong to it is that date. If my amendment is adopted then the mandatory portion of it would be...would be up and operational for it and everybody would have to belong by that particular date also. At least that's my understanding.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yeah. Well, it just seems to me that the issue seems to be out of proportion. I don't know about anybody else and maybe even old city clerks and county clerks and others, they might even forget where some of those lines are if they wait another two years to try to get up to speed, so to speak. You know, if you look at the plot plan in the assessor's office in most courthouses, either for your farms or even for your dwellings in the city, they will show you exactly how many feet back from the property line, how many side feet you have on your buildings, they place that improvement on that plot plan. Isn't it interesting that they can't find the time to take a pencil and make another line and put in where the water line is? They do with gas lines and with water mains in most cities and villages, I think, that are responsible. It seems to me by putting off this responsibility and avoiding the mandate, which will be two years from now, those kinds of people have been irresponsible enough in the past for not trying to keep appropriate and proper records, for whatever reason, which only has to be for laziness, certainly not for cost, because when they put that in they had to deal with somebody along the way. They have their county line maps. They have their...the highway right-of-way maps. They have everything on record in the courthouse identifying with survey sheets where everything is. But they can't seem to be willing to draw a line to show where that water line is and they probably never will have the time in two years to sit down on those existing maps with all of that other information and draw that simple little line. It just seems kind of terrible to me that that's the case, and it's