

the...basically, it's the green copy of the bill, on line 10, on page 10, I mean, or page 8, pardon me, line 10, I would strike the language in the green copy that says, "location of the underground facility given by the operator shall be within a strip of land 18 inches on either side of marking or identification." That has been amended...that is amended in the committee amendments to half the width of the pipe. It's my feeling that with the adoption of the second part of the Withem amendment that says, if, in the opinion of the operator, the precise location of the facility cannot be determined and marked as required, the operator should require...should...shall provide all pertinent information, field locating assistance to the excavator. So it would appear, at this point in time, with the state of the bill that the language that I just read from ten to twelve on page 8 of the green copy certainly would be extraneous language at this time. And then the second part is on page 9 which is brought to me by my local rural water district and the bill says, on line 9 and again on line 12, the word that is used is "repairs". It was requested that an amendment be provided to change this wording to "damages", and the reason for it is this. On the PVC pipe which is normally used in the rural water districts that exist in the State of Nebraska and probably a lot of the other water systems within at least the smaller communities where the ordinances will allow it, the PVC pipe is used, very, very simple and inexpensive to repair, but the cost of purging the water lines, removing foreign material, disinfectant, is rather substantial. It's the major cost of a damaged water line. So since this is now mandatory, if an excavator does not participate, doesn't make the one call and notifies and goes ahead and digs, they would not only be responsible for the cost of making the repair but the other costs that are associated with basically the purging of the water line. I don't know how far-reaching that is in the case of a pressurized gas line where a substantial amount of product may also escape at that point in time. In the case of the electrical lines and the underground telephone lines, the word "repair" quite probably would be a word that works, although damage would include that. So I think it's a better mechanism to ensure that all of the people who are excavating, in fact, do use the one-call system so that all of the operators of buried systems in that area are aware of what's happening and will not be subjected to the unfortunate damage that can occur if there's no notice given. So it's probably a better word. And the third thing that it would do then is on page 9, Section 14, or page 9, line 14, after the period it would exert,