

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...of that particular buried facility.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Very good, and then...

SENATOR COORDSEN: I don't think that this measurement language is really needed anymore when we read everything in full context.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay, we'll probably discuss that part. But I want to then move over to the part on the cost of all damages and just for a record or some history let's say that I have...I'm a small telephone company and I happen to provide services and the line is cut and let's say it's cut by somebody digging a basement in their house and that line happens to be a line that goes to First Data Resources that does lots of financial transaction, the damages are those people who didn't get their card transactions done or their bank transfers done, would damages include the loss of their business because the telephone line was severed?

SENATOR COORDSEN: To establish the legislative record of this, it is not my intent that that sort of damage be covered with the use of this word. The damage that is intended to be included with the use of this word would be those damages that are basically physical in nature, directly related to the...to the damage, i.e., in the case of my explanation, the extra cost of purging the water lines in the case of the...of the water districts.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I guess I have a real problem that I think the term "damage" makes it a lot broader than the repair does because would it also include, let's say if you damaged and severed a gas line and they...there was no gas going to a home and the pipes froze in the house because of there was no natural gas to keep the house warm, would you be responsible for the damage to the water pipes in the house as well?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I would say no, under...and get back to the intent of the meaning of the word as used in the context of this bill.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR COORDSEN: If...you know, if there was an identified quantity of product loss, it would fit in probably the same