

course, he would have to wait anyway, I guess, until it was marked, but...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...I would think that there would be some way to identify these things to make sure, but I guess that's something they work out in the system. I don't know what they do now.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, Senator Vrtiska, the thing that I should point you to, we have a lot of requirements to report things. For example, if you're in a traffic accident tonight with Senator Hartnett out in the parking lot, you're required to report that to the police. Now do they...sometimes you may do that in person. Sometimes you're going to do that over the phone. The key is how do they make that record that you've contacted them? That's done a lot and it's a matter of what's most appropriate.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yeah.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If...if you're going to have all these tape recordings, it becomes a matter of storage, then it gets into the proof problem, is that actually you on the telephone. I mean, you can carry those to extremes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Does anyone else wish to speak to the bill? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Kristensen?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I just want to simply thank people for their patience in an issue that's taken the committee quite a while to look at and debate. You can see that this is a policy choice that's not an easy one, but certainly I think the state is better served with a one-call system. It's bottom line is safety and it's one of those items that as we bury more and more items in this state and our society for, quite frankly, convenience and safety's sake, instead of having them above ground, you're going to need a one-call system to protect people more and more as we put more things under the ground in our society. With that, I would urge the advancement of LB 421 to