

with at least assisting in finding the underground locations to do so. And finally at the last part, we are taking out the willfully damages an underground facility language. There is a criminal statute that is already in place and that provides I believe enough protection for those people who willfully damage telephone or electrical transmission line and that's current law. I think that if we do this, Senator Wickersham had put that in his General File amendment. We have talked to him. I think he does concur. I'd be interested to see if he has any other comments with regard to that. But this is the amendment I believe that takes those things, places this bill into a position where during the summer the major issues of board make-up, selection of the board works. We do not go back to the mandatory system or not. I am comfortable with this procedure and would urge the adoption of this particular amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Withem on the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR WITHEM: Excuse me, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I would, excuse me, I would support the Kristensen amendment and also the process he is outlining. I would like, though, just to put two or three things into the record. Number one, I support the concept of laying this bill over provided that the question on mandatory and voluntary is off the table, that this is not a delay simply to rally the troops to come back in and take an additional run on the mandatory provisions. And I understand from visiting with people in the lobby that that is not the case. And, Senator Kristensen, I'm assuming that's your understanding also. Secondly, I would like to ask Senator Kristensen because you and I have not talked about this but would like to get your reaction to it. Oftentimes when a bill is delayed one session to the next one of the first amendments that comes in is an amendment to move up whatever effective dates are in the bill. It would be my sense that the January 3, 1995, is an appropriate day for this system to be operational. That's what the bill now says. And that the summer delay would not cause this to move to a 1996 effective date.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator Withem, that certainly is my sense of it as well. That gives us adequate time. If we visit this issue in the first quarter of 1994, that still gives us plenty of time because we're on notice at least at this point that there is going to be a one-call system in the state.