

representation goes beyond the district from which we come. These kind of fees I oppose, period, but I dealt with Douglas County in the amendment that had been adopted. I think Lancaster County should be removed also. I know that there is greed on the part of people and they see a way to get money. They would not support putting this to a vote of the people because they don't want the people to know it. When I described it as a stealth tax, during our last session of debate on this, some of the members of the Legislature actually said, it's a good idea because people don't look at their phone bills. They don't know what they are being charged and I don't think that is the way we ought to gouge the public. This amendment though goes only to removing a county containing a city of the primary class. That's the amendment. I hope you will support it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Cudaback has several guests visiting the Legislature this morning. There are 35 students here from Lexington from seventh, eighth and ninth grades. They are in the south balcony with their teacher. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Thank you. Senator Withem, your light is next. Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Madam Chair, members of the body, I apologize for not being here. I thought there were more lights on. Just...I'm not...I don't know what I'm going to do on the Chambers amendment. I just wanted to make a comment on the bill because I was in the Chair last time when this was being debated and I know Senator Vrtiska has done a lot of work on it. I appreciate the fact the other day he allowed me to become a cosponsor of this bill. This is an important issue throughout the state. It's particularly an important issue to those of us from the Sarpy County area, just so you know this is not entirely a rural Nebraska issue. Within Sarpy County, Sarpy County political leaders have given hope to those that think that some day there may be a settlement in the Middle East because the cities of Bellevue, Papillion, LaVista, Gretna, and Springfield, and the county agencies, and all the volunteer fire departments, and all of the police departments, and the county sheriff's office have all come together and have devised a way in which we can have one system of emergency communication in Sarpy County, one system for fire, summoning fire, for rescue squad, for police calls. Current situation in Sarpy County is that there is one system in Bellevue, a different system for the rest of the county with 911, the dispatchers use different radio equipment that doesn't talk to each other. I've heard some