

treat them as individual bills, basically treated them as the same concept and took that need and that, really that sales pitch that Lincoln made, decided it was a good idea and said, Lincoln, yes, you're right, included them in, put the amendments into 1044 and that's where we're at today. So I'd suggest to you that the City of Lincoln has been before the committee through the process, supported the concept and made a good case. I do not believe, at this point in time, that you should take the City of Lincoln or Lancaster County out of the system. I know they have plans and perhaps some of their area representatives might be interested in talking to the body about what those are, but they made a good case in committee, the committee bought that, decided that it should be put out here on the floor. I would urge the defeat of the Chambers amendment. In fact, I'd hope that Senator Chambers would pull the amendment because I think 911 is a good concept, particularly in the enhanced area that the upcoming need for it is tremendous and it is 50 cents onto the phone bills, whether you call it a tax or a fee, the key is that people are willing, when there is a good service, they're willing to pay for that...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...in those small amounts. I'd urge Senator Chambers to pull his amendment, if not, defeat that particular portion. Thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Hillman, your light is next.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, Madam President, members, probably one of the things that I would like to mention is that there is some local control and would just reenforce the fact that there is provisions in the bill where there are to be public notices if the local governing body chooses to do this, whether it be a makeup of cities and counties. In my particular instance, it is a county communication system and it has an advisory board where they would need to identify the need and would request this. There will be published once a week for three consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper that this is going to be brought about. There will be public hearings, there will be input from the locals, so this will be decided on a local level and, for that reason, I guess I would oppose Senator Chambers' amendment because I think there will be plenty of opportunity for people in Lincoln, if they do not care to have an expanded service or