

they do not wish this toll to be included in their phone bill, but for those communities that find the need, that find 911 services and the need to expand them or maybe to even start them, there are areas where there are no services, that this is one way to do it without the burden going too heavily on the county, on the property tax rolls, and you do have local input. I look at this service somewhat as kind of an insurance policy, hopefully, nobody ever has to, you know, that you don't have to use it, that there is no emergency, but we all contribute as a community to have the kind of system that if something goes wrong, it can be accessed and those people that need it don't have to pay for that particular service. We've all kind of gone together, if you want to say it that way, put something in the pot and we can benefit from it if it is needed. And with that, I would oppose the Chambers amendment and ask for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator Hudkins announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature this morning. There are 70 fourth graders and their sponsors from Ashland-Greenwood Schools in Ashland, Nebraska, in the north balcony. Will you all stand and be recognized, please. Senator Pedersen, your light is next.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers, could you yield to a couple questions for me, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: It came to my attention just yesterday afternoon, late yesterday afternoon, by the people from the City of Omaha. In your amendment that has already been adopted in Douglas County, and I'm sure that I know the answer but I need to know for sure, when you said Douglas County does that mean Douglas County government, the rural, or does that mean all the residents of Douglas County, including Omaha, Waterloo, Elkhorn, Bennington and them small towns?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Pedersen, it was made clear that it meant every political subdivision within Douglas County. We discussed it and it was on the record and it was made clear that that was the intent of the amendment.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Okay, I thought so and I'm not going to do