

anything to hold the bill up. I told Senator Vrtiska that and, with the amendment, but next year I'm sure we're going to come back, that the small towns definitely, and I know the City of Omaha just...my understanding has just picked up that they do want to be part of this. Douglas County government did not, from my understanding, but I know the City of Elkhorn, Bennington, Waterloo and Valley, them towns, do want to be part of it. And so probably next year we'll be coming back and seeing if we can't get that back on there but it's too late at this point, I'm not going to mess with it. If you want some of my time, Senator Chambers, to answer to that, please feel free to.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, since Senator Pedersen said he's not going to try to do anything at this point, there is no need for me to take any time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Landis, your light is next.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I want to briefly underscore Senator Kristensen's message. The City of Lincoln did come in and testify in favor of some 911 coverage in a different bill, LB 1259. I can tell you that it is the intention of the city, as the administration has communicated to me, to upgrade their 911 facilities. They've had some problems with it, in fact, their equipment is somewhat out of date. They have missed and lost some 911 calls in the past, much to the chagrin of the city. This covers the entire county. The intention is, hopefully, to be part of 1044, plan for an upgrade in a coming budget cycle and implement that in the budget cycle thereafter. We would like this authority, it would be helpful to us. I hope you will resist the Chambers amendment. We have need of and plan to use the authority in 1044 in the City of Lincoln. We've told the Legislature this in a different context and hope that the body will continue, as Senator Kristensen urged, leave the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County in 1044.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I,