

too, briefly would rise to oppose the amendment. Obviously, it would affect an area that I both live and represent. I can speak from personal experience of emergency, what happened 10 years ago or 15 before we had 911. I can talk about some of the delay that occurred even when we initially had it and I suspect if there's any increased cost that someone criticizes it, but once you need emergency service, that 50 cents is pretty cheap. And I would strongly oppose this amendment, hope the body would as well.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Hudkins. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The issue before the body is whether or not to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, to cease debate.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Debate ceases. Senator Chambers, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I oppose these kinds of fees. I have opposed them whether we're talking about motor vehicles or other things, they are taxes, they're hidden taxes and people bring it this way because they don't want to go to the public and say, we're going to tax you some more money. And they can talk all they want to, Senator Warner and others, about how if you need this service how 50 cents is not going to mean much. That's the way it is with anything, with any tax that we pay. If you pay \$1,000 in income tax and some state service is provided to you worth more than \$1,000, if you had to pay for it individually, you'll say, wow, yeah, it was worth it to pay \$1,000 in taxes. But if you have a vehicle and you're paying insurance costs and you never have an accident, then it seems like a very high rate that you're paying. The reason I'm bringing this, and I can see why now people in Lincoln called me to see if I would push their interest in the Legislature where they have five senators sitting. They apparently felt I would be more responsive and it's clear that I am. These people who talk about how easy it is to put 50 cents more on the phone bill apparently don't have people in their districts who have trouble making it from one end of the month to another and 50 cents added to a phone bill puts a bite into them that they'd rather not have to experience. Maybe if they had a farm and got government subsidies, 50 cents