

opposed to, they do show up and they do make their objections. And my analysis has always been that, by and large, the county boards tend to listen to that kind of objection and will act accordingly. So it is permissive legislation. It's not something that is being said you have to do it. It's there and it's going to be a tax that you're going to pay or a fee that you're going to pay whether you want to or not and I thought that was an important part of this bill and that's why it was put in there. There are groups outside of the body who helped bring this bill in and the ones that talked to me and supported the idea from several organizations and different people who has been explained to you earlier by other members, and Senator Withem did a fine job of explaining how the enhanced 911 service works and it's certainly important when you're trying to locate somebody out in the rural areas of the state to try to locate a position when the person who is making the call is excited and is not able to give a very good description. The enhanced system is so beneficial because it brings everything up to speed where the quickest and most expedient method of getting to that emergency can be made and so that's why I think that the new system, the new enhanced system is so important and the point of it being that the enhanced system is where the money comes. It costs a lot more money than it did for the old system that was put in years ago and as a result we felt that we needed to raise the funds. I originally had talked about a higher fund than this, but after visiting with the people and understanding that it would probably be difficult to pass that kind of legislation, we compromised and came up with this fee and, hopefully, this will be enough to do for those smaller counties who want to...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...be engaged in this system. So, again, I appreciate the dialogue this morning, the debate, the discussion, and it's, to me, a benefit to be able to provide this kind of service for the people that I serve and the people who have asked me to bring this bill forward to you, along with Senator Hillman. So with that, I ask for you to advance the bill. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Any further discussion on 1044? Senator McKenzie. I'm sorry, Senator, you've already moved the bill. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 1044 to E & R for engrossing. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed nay. Please record.