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SENATOR ABOUD: Well, Senator Chambers, my belief is that considering the property tax situation in Douglas County and the city of Omaha, that by providing an avenue for these political subdivisions to raise revenue to pay for the 911 entity, it's certainly up to their discretion as to when or if they would ever choose to allow for the surcharge. So, my...I guess my answer to it is I can't answer that question. You asked me how soon could they do it, I tried to give you an answer. Will they do it? I do not know.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Abboud, you said what I would have tried to elicit from a question.

SENATOR ABOUD: Um-huh.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You and I know that they would want to put this surcharge on as soon as possible, don't we? And when I say we know it, I don't mean we know it with the same precision that we both know we're standing here, but we have a pretty good idea that that is what their intent is, otherwise they wouldn't have put the emergency clause on. Would you agree with that, at least?

SENATOR ABOUD: I think they want to deal with this option for raising revenue for the 911 system, the new 911 system, as soon as possible, I think that's...from reading the resolution that they...that the city of Omaha sent to me. So I assume they want to deal with it. In their resolution they request...well, I don't know if they...I'll have to look at the specifics.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, well let me not hold you to that point. Senator Abboud, if the emergency clause is not on this bill, will that doom the 911 activity in Douglas County? Does that mean it's over?

SENATOR ABOUD: We're going to have 911 service.... You mean will it doom this bill, that's what the question is, isn't it?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, I'm asking if the emergency.... I've got two questions I want to ask you.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay.