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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. This amendment provides for the 50-cent surcharge for 911 service, to provide for a uniform system of radio transmission within Douglas County. The amendment does have one additional section to it from what we previously considered, and that deals with...it provides that if an individual has Lifeline Service, which means that essentially they're low-income, then the 50-cent fee would be waived. So, that's what the amendment does.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Speaker, I would rise to question the germaneness of this particular amendment. The amendment concerns issues in Article 86, Chapter 1000. The bill concerns a new aid program for fire districts, that's...fire districts are exclusively dealt with in Article 35. Above and beyond that, I think it's a substantive matter, the 911 programs are run by municipalities and counties. I'm not aware of any that are run by any fire districts, and I'm certainly not aware that it would be appropriate to consider a bill that has an impact, as I understand it, on a metropolitan class city in this state in conjunction with a bill that is directed exclusively at fire districts, their levies, their funding sources, their organization, not something that has to do with a completely unrelated topic.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Abboud, do you have a response?

SENATOR ABOUD: I think it's related. (Laughter) Well, if you want...if you want a little bit...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Abboud, that's fine. Thank you. (Laughter) The Chair rules the amendment is out of order, it's not germane. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Wickersham would move to amend with (AM)4103, Mr. President. (See page 1322 of the Legislative Journal.)