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the utility get this information?

SENATOR JOHNSON: Well, the utility company, we first start off by determining whether or not the utility company has knowledge that the premises itself are rental premises, and as I indicated, in many instances that is fairly easy knowledge to obtain because the landlord has already obtained from the utility company an exemption from the sales tax so they would have knowledge with respect to that point. Secondly, in terms of actually getting notice out to the occupants in an apartment or a rental unit, the way to handle that is if the occupant is not known is to handle that through a posted notice left under the doors of the apartment unit and that, frankly, Senator Vickers, that poses no major problem to any utility company operating in an urban area, such as in Omaha, because driving out to an apartment unit is not much more difficult...to give a notice is not much more difficult than driving out to the same apartment unit to effect a disconnect. Now in a rural area that might make some difficulty because I have to assume that the utility office is sort of centrally located and to drive out to maybe a hundred miles or what have you just to give the notice would pose some problems. On the other hand, the utility company will be making that trip to disconnect because the disconnection will occur at the sight itself.

SENATOR VICKERS: I guess that is one of the problems I am having with the amendment because it seems to me, and you touched on it, in the rural areas of this state and we do have some rental properties in the rural areas also, it would be pretty difficult for the utility company to even have any knowledge in many instances that it was rental property and I am not sure about the sales tax portion that you are referring to. Very few of the people that I am acquainted with get that deduction and, as a consequence, I am going to have to oppose this amendment because I think it would be a terrible burden on the utilities of the State of Nebraska to try to enforce this portion of the law. I would urge the body to oppose this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, it is rather obvious that this particular piece of legislation has its greatest impact on those people who are doing what they are supposed to be doing and that is paying their utility bills. It seems like all the red tape that we are now instigating with this particular piece of legislation