

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any discussion? If not, those in favor of the readvancement of the bill please say aye. Opposed no. Ayes have it, motion carried, the bill is readvanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 240.

CLERK: Mr. President, 240 has motions. The first is offered by Senator Baack. Senator, this is your AM2173, first one you gave me, Senator.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, I would like to withdraw that, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baack would move to return the bill for specific amendment. AM2276, Senator, is what I have in front of me. (Baack amendment can be found on page 537 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair recognizes Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I think you all have a sheet on your desk, and this explains the amendment to 240 that we're trying to attach here. What this amendment is, it's LB 719 that was heard last year before the Judiciary Committee. They advanced the bill. There were no opponents at the hearing. There was one neutral testifier, but there were no opponents at this hearing. What this...what LB 719 does is it talks about setting up a system so that we can provide 911 emergency telephone service in this state and have a system set in place for providing those services. And what it does is it says that it allows a body, and I stress that it allows them to do this, it does not mandate that they use this system to set up 911 in their area. It allows the governing body to impose a surcharge on the monthly telephone bill for the imple...for either the implementation or the upgrading of the 911 services. It also is the...the bill is one that encourages the local governing bodies to jointly utilize the 911 services. It is, as I said earlier, it is permissive, it's not mandatory. The local entity makes that decision. If they are already providing 911 services, are using their own local revenues to do that, they may continue to do that. But this also gives them the option of using a surcharge on the telephone bills to provide that service. It also...I think this is really important, especially in my area where they're trying to set up some 911 services in some of the counties that are very sparsely populated, they need