

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond to a question, Senator Hall?

SENATOR HALL: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR WESELY: Why?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Wesely, why what?

SENATOR WESELY: Why the amendment, what is the purpose?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, Senator Wesely, in my opinion there is no reason to spell out the difference between the cost of your traditional phone system, I guess, why not then, and the difference between the 911 service that is provided or the relay costs. If we're to adopt this, I think we start a precedent where one could argue that we should not only spell out the costs for these two items, but we should very possibly spell out the costs for each of those individual phone companies, the way they break down according to what goes toward administrative costs, what goes toward operating costs, what goes toward repairs and services of those natures. I see no reason to spell these out specifically in the bill and show them as a separate line item. I see no problem with having them lumped into the overall cost of your telephone service as a person who has a line and pays for that bill, but to have that show up as a line item, from month to month, and spelled out, and in the case of the...excuse me, the original 240 that we had the other day, it would be a 4 cent line item. It would say .04 cents for the cost of that line item on each of our bills. What purpose does it serve to have it in there? I would revert the question back to Senator Wesely and say, what purpose does it serve then to include it into the bill. And the only reason that I got from the companies was that, well, we want to show that the cost was not imposed by the company. When people see that their phone bill went up 4 cents, or their phone bill went up 2 cents because now the cost of the 911 system is included in there, they're going to think that we raised our rates. Well, that could very easily be handled with an insert, as we get many of them in our phone bills on a monthly basis, to explain what those costs now are, and that through passage of legislation down here, LB 240, these costs are now going to be part of your overall phone bill. But to include that ad infinitum, I mean from the first month that this passes and that gets put into place, to have that on the bill, I think, is discriminatory to