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LB 133, 455

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. We will now proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 455 with the E clause. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? We do not need the 30 votes until Final. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 455.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 455 is advanced. LB 133.

CLERK: LB 133, Madam President, introduced by Senators Baack and Withem. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10, referred to Transportation and advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Speaker Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Madam President and colleagues, LB 133 is simply some clean-up language. We passed a bill last year, LB 240, that allowed for some access charges for companies could enter...government agencies could charge these access charges and provide the emergency 911 service to their local area if they so desired. There needed to be some clean-up language. There were some problems as to whether or not a city and county could cooperate, whether there could be an interlocal governmental agreement so that two entities could cooperate to provide this service. This bill says, yes, they may do that. They may have an agreement to do that. It also says that the surcharge will never ever exceed \$50 a month which makes sure that no access line is charged more than once. They're never double taxed on this situation. Mostly, the need for this bill arose because there was a problem of some counties were assessing charges on phones that actually were outside of the counties so those phones really did not have access to 911 but were still paying the 50-cent charge. This would stop that from happening. There also was a problem in one area of the state that there was a question as to whether the...where the line terminates. The intent of the bill was that the line would terminate either at the home or the place of business. There was an interpretation by an attorney who said, well, the termination could be the terminal building at...where the line actually originated. So this clears that up. There...I am working with the City of Lincoln and they may want to deal with