

with my limited knowledge of 911 operations but it seems fairly clear to me. Basically, what the amendment does is deal with those situations, those agreements that existed prior to January 1, 1990, where you had situations where the service crossed jurisdictions, city and county lines. And, basically, it's, as you know, we have changed the law now to require or to allow units to enter into interlocal cooperation agreements and those agreements shall provide for a uniform assessment. But for those who entered those agreements at an earlier point in time, there is no such requirement for an assessment. So what we're doing is looking at those early agreements and saying that, one, you will be assessed, or, two, you opt out in writing, one of the two. The jurisdiction will have their choice, however, if they choose to continue to have the service, in all fairness, and I think this makes sense, they will also pay for the service. That's the sole purpose of the amendment. It affects a situation in...as between Lincoln and Lancaster County. There may be a few other jurisdictions out there that it would affect. By and large, it doesn't affect what's being done with LB 133. I would move the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President. I would also rise in support of this amendment. We heard this bill in committee and the amendment, Senator Beutler, would affect a lot of small communities as well and be very helpful to them where you have crossed jurisdiction lines, where you have a county and a city sharing, as many of us do in the smaller counties, can't afford to have two systems of 911 and so you do share and this amendment would, basically, allow for that cooperation. If, for some reason, you don't want the surcharge, it would allow the county, for example, to opt out of doing that. The amendment is helpful. It's a reasonable compromise where there were some problems. And, Senator Baack, although he is not present today, I have discussed the matter with him and he is the one who, in fact, put the amendment on and is aware of this and I would also rise to support it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Seeing no one else wishing to speak on the amendment, do you have a closing, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just move the adoption, Madam President.