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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR BEUTLER: With regard to the number of lines that will benefit from the Universal Service Fund, lines that benefit because they are in areas that are expensive to serve, how...about how many lines are predicted would benefit from that? I am just trying to get a relative number between Lifeline, for example, and that subsidy, and the subsidy that'd be going to the other...the other portion of the population.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I don't know but it will be a substantially larger number is my gut reaction. Let me try to find what the estimates were. Staff has indicated that they think the target of the Universal Service Fund pot is roughly \$50 million, but until you actually go out there and start to assess that, and look at that, it's going to be hard to know how much you generate. The telemarketers alone, some of the telemarketers thought that with their interstate toll charges, they were going to generate that much themselves. So it, you know, it's a little hard to tell. Why don't you let me, if there is some other discussion, let me try to see if there is an estimate of the number because you're going to look for service areas, and generally that is a carrier certified exchange, to the best of my knowledge, where that will be distributed. And so you will have carriers that have exchanges in a variety of places in this state. You won't just go give them to a company. You're going to...you're going to try to mete them on exchanges, so I would look at the number of what we'd call high cost exchanges, and as you move to sparsely populated areas, I'm going to also...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...look at the beginning, you'll see the number of lines broken down, I am going to try to get that number for you, if I can get a moment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, Senator, thank you. Obviously, we have time before Select File to follow up on some of those things, and so I will end the conversation here, but I am certainly interested in a couple of the answers that are still pending because, again, last comment, the bottom line to me is retaining