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in this system, that to the extent that various local entities benefit from the system, that they would be called upon to contribute some portion of their taxing authority to assist in the payment of this system? And, as a matter of...as a matter of the traditional way that we've done things, it seems to me that they should;...

SENATOR BROMM: Yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that...

SENATOR BROMM: Sure, Senator Beutler. The concept that I think the task force envisioned, and a reading of the report bears this out, is that the state would primarily furnish the backbone for this system, but that local entities would be required to buy their own equipment and pay some hookup or maintenance costs. So there would be...there would definitely be involvement by local entities financially to make the thing work.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, let's explore for the minute the idea of this backbone. I assume that this backbone is a backbone that benefits everybody who is an extension of the system,...

SENATOR BROMM: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...whether it's a state agency or a local agency.

SENATOR BROMM: Correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Shouldn't the local agencies be responsible for paying a portion of the backbone system also?

SENATOR BROMM: Well, I think they...that user fees are envisioned. Now, in a sense,...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...if the state funds the backbone, in some fashion, Senator Beutler, everyone throughout the state will be, you know, financing that backbone. But then I...I mean this is