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agencies, have a problem, so some sort of system will need to be built anyway. Now, local organizations would be expected to...that use the system, would be expected to help pay for the usage and I don't know how all that's going to break down as we get to the point of knowing how much money's involved and all that, but I...I don't disagree with you that there should be significant local involvement and that we would not want to take away the local cost-sharing. But if we need a state system and if we can...and we're going to have to do that anyway, then I think there's some merit in the state bearing a good share of the backbone cost. But I...I'm speaking out of...out of the knowledge that I have and that's...I don't have the expertise that other people do in this area, so....but that's my impression, Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Tyson, I'd invite your response to that question also, just to have in mind what your thinking is on that subject.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Sir?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I was having a discussion with Senator Bromm, wh'ch I assume you were following, about the payment of costs and how that ultimate financial structure might be in terms of picking up the cost of the system, and I was just inviting you to comment if you had additional comments you wanted to make.

SENATOR TYSON: Senator Beutler, I was distracted there for a moment, but I would make just two points. Number one, the system to be designed would be for the service of the state, not of the local subdivisions of the state. However, the second point, all of those other public agencies would have the capability or would have the opportunity to plug into this system and utilize it. It would be designed to have sufficient capacity. But the primary justification for this is state agencies: the over 5,000 radios that Department of Roads has, the Highway Patrol, Game and Parks, Emergency Management. The list goes on and on. But the primary benefit and the designed benefit would be to have 90 percent coverage of the state for the state, and the ancillary benefit would be to the local