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SENATOR BAKER: I think that when they registered with PSC, they knew they were going to be responsible for this...these deposits. But apparently they didn't come in and it was simply PSC oversight that contacted this new carrier.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The PSC discovered it?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, as I understand, they did.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And how did they they discover? Just making a routine examination of this particular carrier, or how?

SENATOR BAKER: Specifically, I think there's PSC people out behind the glass I could go ask for you. I don't know specifically. I think that's what happened, though.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Now when this was discovered no penalty was imposed on this carrier?

SENATOR BAKER: No, not that I know of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it's necessary to put language such as this in the bill so if it happens again a penalty can be assessed.

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, and this E-911 fund was a new fund established by Senator Engel's bill a couple years ago, and they did not make them the new...the E-911 carrier subject to this penalty. The \$10,000 penalty is already in statute; just did not apply to this new carrier.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was it because...well, tell me why that would be the case, if you know.

SENATOR BAKER: I think it was simply an oversight in the drafting of...I don't remember Senator Engel's bill number, but it's simply an oversight not giving them, you know, the PSC, jurisdiction to find this...these wireless E-911 funds, the carrier...