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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: The bill also, of course, says that we remove that language that says, they shall reimburse costs, and gives the Public Service Commission discretion, and submits...or changes the word "shall" to "may." Those are very important parts of the bill. With that, Senator Cudaback, thank you. I'd be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. There are amendments to the committee amendments. Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment to the committee amendments is AM2734 from Senator Baker. Senator, I understand you wish to withdraw this?

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Baker would offer AM2745. (Legislative Journal page 1067.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, to open.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As I said, AM2745, strike Section 25 which changed some liability issues dealing with wireless. It simply strikes the section so we're using existing statutes dealing with immunity, same as what we have in wire line. The rest of the amendment is clarification, for the most part. I shouldn't say that. The lines 3 through 6 clarifications, when we have a cell phone user out there, and it simply says that there must be a positive balance greater than or equal to the surcharge. We don't want a 70-cent surcharge put on a prepaid cell phone when it has a balance of 25 cents out there. So that clarifies that. And then sections...or lines 7 through 12 are directed toward the uniformity of 50 cents for a customer in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class. This provides continuity with what we're doing with landlines. As I said, metropolitan class city, which, of course, is Omaha, is at 50 cents surcharge maximum on