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SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Baker, I do want to thank you for your work on this bill. I know that your objectives are pure; just that we might disagree on a few items. Now, is it conceivable that a county that falls under the 5,000 category would be mandated to collect the tax but would not be getting anything back unless they would consolidate?

SENATOR BAKER: That's the way it would work.

SENATOR SMITH: And also, the fact that some PSAPs that are already a conglomerate, if you will, they would basically be levying the tax, the fee, and they wouldn't qualify for some of the funds because they've already accomplished what we're setting out to do?

SENATOR BAKER: That's correct. Let me add a bit there, that they have been accessing the dollar per landline surcharge, which is what they, in most cases, I think, use to get their current PSAP up and going.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you, Senator Baker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator. Are you through, Senator?

SENATOR SMITH: No. No, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may continue.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. (Laugh) Senator Baker would like me to be through, but I'm not. (Laugh) Again, I would encourage the body to take a look at the map and it should come as no surprise that there are already consolidations...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. There are already consolidations taking place. And I speak as a resident of a consolidated PSAP