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SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. AM...I don't believe you have it up yet.

CLERK: AM2916, Senator.

SENATOR FISCHER: Right, there. AM2916 would strike Sections 1-14, Section 25, and 27. The striking of Sections 1-14 effectively eliminates any consolidation of the public safety answering points or the PSAPs and any provisions pertaining to that end goal. That includes striking the language that requires counties to implement enhanced 911 services by 2008. It does not change any of the language that allows the Public Service Commission to have discretion on what costs will be funded. The language that allows the PSC to develop a funding mechanism is also kept. I believe it is only fair that the PSC has the discretion on how to spend limited funds. The amendment also strikes language that does not require the PSC to provide compensation for costs of public safety answering points that serve fewer than 5,000 residents, and that is on page 15. This language was just another indirect way, I thought, to force consolidation on smaller-population counties. The amendment does not change the PSC's right to restrict funding to one public safety answering point per county. This will provide incentive for each county to move towards having one PSAP, which I believe is a fair objective for the state. I cannot support a bill that forces consolidation of the PSAPs. I have several counties who don't have the means or the need to consolidate. Consolidation should be a local decision made by the affected taxpayers, and this amendment accomplishes that goal while allowing the Public Service Commission to have discretion on what may be funded. So in wrapping this up, basically this amendment is taking out the language on consolidation. It reinserts the language on the prepaid part of the amendment. And I would be happy to try and answer any questions on this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Open for discussion. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, President Cudaback and members. I have worked with Senator Fischer on this to make sure that we do