

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

March 27, 2006 LB 1222

that aspect of it, it would be a totally different thing because then you are talking about services that are only required in that county. But in this, we are talking about the new technology that allows people to go from one county to another. In her opening, Senator Fischer said that there are PSAPs that do not have the means or needs to consolidate. Well, if they don't have the means or needs to consolidate, then how do they have the means or needs to exist in the first place? But what I really am most concerned about in terms of this, there are two things. First of all, I think that the issue has been addressed in that the Public Service Commission will not be giving money to PSAPs that are not doing that which they are supposed to be doing. We have PSAPs right now that are using the money for things like cleaning the courthouse rather than using that money that they get, and this is from their landline side of things, to provide the services that they're supposed to be providing. They are unwilling to do the things that they need to do to be part of the system. Well, that's fine. But just as long as they do not get any state money, any of the money from this fund. If those cell services are not available, then there are probably fewer people who have cell phones and so there will be less surcharge revenue available for those areas. What was hoped for in this was some sort of a statewide system that would best have a similar degree of service wherever you happen to be that would allow for a response to emergency situations. And that's the second issue that I'm very concerned about. Because the very same PSAPs that are intransigent about providing the services are also intransigent about working with other people. And so they will not develop protocols about what would happen in a multicounty emergency. And so if there's something that happens in those counties, then I hope the counties are willing to stand up and take the responsibility and the liability that comes with their PSAP not having a protocol that would allow for the transfer of information in a multicounty emergency, because that's going to be exactly what happens. The very same people that are intransigent about providing the services are also intransigent about working with others to make sure that we have a system that does what we want it to do. So that's fine as long as we don't give them any money for being intransigent. Thank you.