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SENATOR FISCHER: I believe, Senator Mines, that it is, but I just wanted to look at the section. Do you have that?

SENATOR MINES: Okay. I'm not sure that that...

SENATOR FISCHER: Section 5?

SENATOR MINES: Yeah, that's it.

SENATOR FISCHER: Yes.

SENATOR MINES: And is that...do you think that's intentional or...see, I would, from my perspective, would like to see Nebraska get to a point where everyone has E-911 service. And this would eliminate that provision. Is that your intention?

SENATOR FISCHER: Working with Senator Baker, that's what we came up with.

SENATOR MINES: Okay.

SENATOR FISCHER: That was in the first amendment that Senator Baker brought me. I don't disagree with your view that Nebraska needs to be working towards having E-911 across the state. What I am saying is, until the infrastructure is there, how can you require this of counties that don't even have the capability of doing it? Are the counties then going to be required to put up towers in order to have that cell coverage throughout the state?

SENATOR MINES: Well, no, because...and I think you had made a point earlier that many places in greater Nebraska...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR MINES: ...don't have coverage. Many places in eastern Nebraska don't have coverage as well. That is a different issue than providing E-911 service. And you're talking private marketplace, delivery of cellular service, and you're talking government provision of E-911 service. And I would like to see us get to an end game where eventually in the near future we do have E-911 available everywhere in the state, irrespective of