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SENATOR BAKER: Senator Louden, we have, in the discussion over this bill, we have found some counties that it was not being properly accounted for that was maybe collected in one...sent to one county that still had a lot of phone numbers in another county and the same exchange. We're straightening that up with some counties and county officials, trying to get the money going where it's supposed to, Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: That's what I question. Now with your cell phones on your E-911, there's a lot of country out there. As you look on your map, if you look at Sheridan County, why, if you're down in the southeast corner of Sheridan County and you try and you call a 911 number there, you're going to come up with someone out of Ogallala. If you happen to be about ten miles west then you'll probably come up with somebody out of the Alliance area. And then as you go north, you don't have any cell phone service whatsoever. So there's plenty of towers out there, but for some reason we can't seem to get them to be able to use each other's towers, even for just a 911. Is there any way that this can be addressed if you're going to levy some money? Those problems have to be addressed or else you don't have any 911 service as far as cell phones are concerned.

SENATOR BAKER: Well, my reply to that would be, in those cases, it would be nice if Sheridan County were consolidated, say, with Box Butte or parts of it maybe even Sheridan County with the group out of Ogallala. But to answer your question about the cell phone service, there will be requests made for reimbursement of costs dealing with this lack of cell phone service within the state. As you know, there are companies out there trying to build towers now and I'm sure that they'll be in front of the Public Service Commission trying to justify their cost reimbursement requests.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Well, at the present time, as far as I know, we have 911 service out of the south end of Sheridan County. It goes out of the Alliance area. And same way down to north end of...northwest corner of Garden County. Some of those areas...and probably the north side of Morrill County, is out of