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CLERK: (LB) 37, Madam President, by Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.) It was introduced on January 9, referred to Transportation, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the body. LB 37 is a very simple bill. It was heard in Transportation Committee and came out without any opposition. It was supported by the Nebraska Association of County Officials and also the Nebraska Volunteer Firefighters Association. It's similar to a bill that was introduced last year, LB 1006, which also was unanimously approved, but obviously it didn't get heard because we ran out of time. And basically, what LB 37 does is allows where there is interlocal agreements across county lines...what we did...what we did on the other bill was to allow an increase of 50 cents to those who use the 911 service to help pay for it because there didn't seem to be enough money in the original 50 cent allocation. And again, it's a local option issue. But when we passed the bill...I think Senator Hillman helped sponsor that bill in 1994. Inadvertently, we left out the proposition of interlocal agreements across county lines, and so they are therefore not allowed to charge the extra 50 cents, which was not the original intent. It was just an oversight. So, what this does is clarify that, and in fact, gives the interlocal agreements the right to also raise the 50 cent limit so that they can provide the 911 service in those areas where you do cross county lines and you have interlocal agreements. So, it's merely an attempt to correct an oversight that was made when we passed the original legislation. And for that reason, I would ask for your support to advance LB 37. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Discussion on LB 37? I see none. Senator Vrtiska waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 37. All in favor vote aye. Opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of LB 37.

SENATOR CROSBY: LB 37 advances. We will pass over LB 104