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raised here today and how we go about helping government fund 911. The issue of how much to allow for Douglas County and the city of Omaha to fund or to raise through this method to fund their 911 system, enhanced 911 system, is certainly something that's open to discussion. The way the bill is drafted, it provides...does not provide for a specific 50-cent increase. It allows for flexibility among Douglas and the city of Omaha as to whether or not they choose to raise that surcharge up to 50 cents, and by drafting the bill in that manner, I certainly did not intend that that would be the specific amount that they should raise. So, in essence, I don't feel that with LB 104 that we're specifically stuck on the 50-cent amount. So I'm going to be working to try to maybe negotiate an amount that the body would find acceptable, but that's...I just wanted to respond on the record here to your statements and your questions to me earlier. So I've concluded.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, Senator Abboud, you and I are getting down to really the way things operate around here. I don't know how many hours have been spent on the bill at this point. I don't know whether they can get the cloture vote. Probably they will because people are just tired of being on this bill and want to get off it, no matter what form the bill is in or what it takes. They just want to change from what we are doing and that's why I always have the advantage. My patience, my endurance are inexhaustible. I could literally stay on one bill the whole session. I can do it. Nobody is jerking a chain on me and telling me that I'd better get this done or better get that done at a certain time. If we have a special session for the budget, I don't care. I'll be here. When we go into the Judiciary Committee hearings, we are going to be there forever, and I'm there forever. So I can endure. What I was working up to is the fact that the number of hours that we've spent will not be diminished if this bill is bracketed. If this bill is bracketed and if Senator Abboud would agree to just bracket it, I would take the date off or put a closer date. It wouldn't give me an advantage, and I am not saying that I would yield at all, but I would talk to him, and you all would have a chance to move some of these other bills if you want to. Or you can just dig in your heels and say you're going to wear me out, and that