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amendment. (AM0569 appears on page 782 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Suttle.

SENATOR SUTTLE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I consider this introducing this particular amendment, which is number 554 (sic), it reads, except in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class, then it goes, on the green copy, down to line 10, after the period, insert, a governing body in a county containing a city of the metropolitan class incurring costs for 911 services may impose a uniform service surcharge of up to 50 cents per month on each local exchange access line physically terminating in a governing body's 911 service area, other than local exchange access lines with basic service and no optional service, and on any cellular telephone service within the governing body's 911 service area. I'm introducing this and I hope is a compromise amendment. This amendment states that if a person buys a cell phone in a Douglas County...in Douglas County and is billed for that service in Douglas County, they'll be billed an extra 50 cents a month for 911 service. It further states that people who have bells and whistles, as Senator Pedersen called them, on their basic telephone service, they will also be assessed an extra 50 cents a month. Bells and whistles are Call Waiting, Voice Mail, all the things that you can get on your basic telephone bill. Hopefully, then the folks with fixed incomes, mainly the impoverished elderly who have just basic telephone service, will not be impacted adversely and not be in a position to lose their telephone. I find it interesting that the cell phone lobbyists came running when I introduced this amendment. The ones that represent cell phones are having a "hissy" fit. They're telling me it's unconstitutional because it targets a portion of the population, not everybody. Well, I'm wondering what the original bill does if it doesn't target...a target population. I think that not everyone has a phone, so not everyone will be taxed. I would like to introduce this and I'm serious about this and would like to see this adopted. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

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