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Minutes:

The hearing was opened on SB2415. All present in attendance.

SENATOR LYSON assumed the chair for Senator Cook on SB2415, relating to 911 data base.

SENATOR FISCHER: Introduced SB2415, and also was sponsor of this bill. This bill deals with the 911 data base and releasing the information to county treasurers and auditors for the purpose of updating their data bases as far as sending out tax statements and other public notices which they have a return rate on. Within 24 hours after the service is ordered, that 911 receives that name and address. The proposal here also includes some amendments to hand out, to clarify the bill. I was uncomfortable with the language and had the amendments drawn up yesterday. What it does is takes all of the telephone numbers off, so they are all taken off the data base, as well as any unpublished telephone numbers because for safety reasons, issues with domestic violence, and its unpublished number, all of that data is eliminated. Only telephone numbers that would be available within 6-8 months anyway, because of the publications that would be transferred to the

auditor and the treasurer. That's the simplicity of the bill. SENATOR WATNE: Would you explain to me the safety answering code box. I don't quite understand the way this works.

SENATOR FISCHER: I think that's the entire name. There is someone that has dealt with the 911 system for many years and probably could explain that a little bit better, but I believe that it

is the 911 system. That's what it is called. JIM MCKAY: My expertise in this field is that I was on the first governors 911 advisory board for 2 years. I worked as a hobby and addressed Grand Forks County as a hobby. In 1992, it was the best hobby I ever had. The reason for this bill is the

way it is written, not one had access to that data base which the taxpayer built. The PSAP is a Public Service Answering Point, that is where the data that comes up in the screen when your

phone call comes in from 911 and flashes on the screen and gives the name and address and phone numbers from a location. That what that is. The reason that we wrote this bill and it was

original standards and guidelines, that we protected, in those days, we didn't realize that we could give a list without giving the full name, address and phone number. Today with computers

the way they are run, you can take that field out, no one is exposed to that telephone number. The telephone number is the property of the telephone company, people pay to have their telephone

numbers unlisted, and unpublished. We don't want to infringe on that whatsoever. As an example of the, the Cas County treasurer each year spends between \$600-900 for return tax

statements. They then have to return the tax statement back, they spend a lot of time researching where it was supposed to have gone. Here sits a data base that they can't touch. It is the most

current base you could possibly have. By doing this it gives them the chance to save that money, get the right addresses when this comes back. The other problem is in the treasurers office if they

can't get this tax statement out in time, it comes back then April when he finally gets the tax statement to the person who should've had it, they have missed their 5% discount. This is a

simple statement. Let's take the telephone numbers out, we don't want those anywhere. Leave that in the data base where it belongs, just let the county auditor and or treasurer have access to the names and addresses. SENATOR POLOVITZ: What am I understand, your eliminating all telephone numbers on the screen? JIM MCKAY: No, any of it would come down, that could be used by the auditor or treasurer. Telephone numbers stay in PSAP. SENATOR POLOVITZ: Ok. JIM MCKAY: It's just the spin off. We're just going to use a few, going into the computer to pick out the field, we just bring out the field as a spin off, then come back to go to the treasurer. That we give to them on a hard copy on a disk. SENATOR POLOVITZ: All of the public safety answering points may not provide any information for unpublished telephone numbers? What your saying here though your not limiting the coverage of response to that telephone call, by eliminating this. JIM MCKAY: No, we haven't changed anything in the data base. That unlisted number is in the database. SENATOR POLOVITZ: That's what I wanted to know. JIM McCoy: We're not going to be exposed to it because of the fact that it is private. The telephone company owns the telephone number. We're not asking for those at all. That's there. SENATOR LYSON: It says that no information will be provided not even the mane is going to come over saying this man is in the computer or in the database. But when it goes to the treasurer or auditor. I understand why the address and telephone number shouldn't be there but, my thought would be, this may be the point to start looking at a better way of selecting jury people an so on. That's what I'm wondering what is going to be sent over to the auditor? I know the telephone number is not. JIM MCKAY: Technically, the best way, if I were an auditor. I would know the tax statement says that this is the address and it comes back. Now, where is it? Now they have got a base that is absolutely current. Maybe the person moved in the last week. Within 24 hours that database is upgraded, that is the way the system works, so it is the most current. I don't think

they are going to go through and re-address everything from the list they have. They would have to tweak it a little bit, make sure it is up to date. SENATOR LYSON: I guess my question then, would be, you talked about the domestic violence people. The address is going to go over there, do we need anything in here to keep this thing private from other people? JIM MCKAY: Let's use domestic violence for an example, this the nothing but a telephone book without the telephone numbers. That name is already there. SENATOR LYSON: But I am asking about addresses? JIM MCKAY: The addresses are still in the phone book too. SENATOR LYSON: If there is an unlisted telephone number? JIM MCKAY: No, were not going to get that one. SENATOR LYSON: You get nothing from them? Not even the name? JIM MCKAY: Nope. That's going to fall off, because that's the way we originally set it up. This is getting a little deeper. We couldn't even get the telephone numbers for pay phones to begin with. SENATOR FLAKOLL: Procedurally, how will this go in terms, I would envision that, those that have the original 911 information as far a transferring into the offices, does it happen weekly. I would envision that it would happen every time somebody changes there address. Who pays for some of these? I can see it happening monthly, or? JIM MCKAY: Let's say the auditor has to have an address. She could call up, and ask them what is the address of the person, where it is now she can't. They can bring it up on the screen to get the address. As far as getting a print out, I wouldn't suggest that except for once a year, if they didn't want that. Is available, it would be like an information center for them. SENATOR FLAKOLL: When this information is, if I moved, if I call up the phone company and say what do you have for an address on so forth and so on, Casselton,ND? JIM MCKAY: When you move across the street there is a job ticket written and within 24 hours that is in the database of the telephone company. The address that you left stayed there, the only thing that moved was your name, and your telephone number. That

