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SPEAKER: Yes Senator Hasebroock has a comment and then Senator Duis.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Senator Whitney it's still optional they can still, don't have to under this section if they asked to be removed, it says I might read this section, Article 16, Juries to any person belonging to any of the following classes who shall make special requests to the courts shall be exempt from serving on Grand Juries, Federal Juries, a-coroners, b-Ministers of the Gospel, c-County Commissioners or supervisors, d-practicing Attornies, e-practicing Physicians, d-practicing Dentists, g-Druggist, Postmasters, Carriers of the United States Mail, Licensed Embalmers, Member of Fire Departments and Companies of any City, Village or Members of any such Company who have retired after 10 years, or members of Service and so on (inaudible) of this can be exempt. It's permissive Senator, I don't think they understand the -

SPEAKER: Senator Duis has been asking for floor and then I'll come back to you Senator Whitney.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I too have a letter from a Volunteer Fire Department but it's addressed to Senator Barnett. I don't know what his connection is in this particular legislation, but of course mine refers to three bills, 50, 99 and 199. I think Gentlemen there has been quite a bit of misinformation put out by someone in regards to these pieces of legislation in order to create a pressure group. I'm sorry I will vote for this legislation because I happen to know the fire Chief of my local town, who wrote this letter to Senator Barnett, and he is a reasonable man, and I'm sure that when the cold facts of thing are explained to him, that I'll get along just fine with him. I also have a letter from another fire Chief who is an employee of the State of Nebraska, in regard to the other one and I'm sure we will get along alright eventually.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Hasebroock a question if he will yield.

SPEAKER: Do you yield Senator Hasebroock?

SENATOR WHITNEY: As I understand it then there are certain volunteer firemen who would like to serve on these, what do you call it, juries and therefore your having this bill for the privilege of giving them that opportunity but if there are firemen who do not wish to serve, then you have there in the law that they do not need to, is this correct?

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: That's right.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Okay thank you I'm glad to have that information.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the legislature, I too would like to stand up and explain that if Senator Duis really has an interest I have a letter that's addressed to him in my office also, I think what happened they probably got the letters turned around in the wrong envelopes.

SPEAKER: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President I (inaudible) of course this is a copy of a letter that I got but it's not the letter itself. This is a copy of a letter apparently, and I fully realize Senator Barnett that probably some of these gentlemen are not used to writing letters and probably they misdirected them. I did want to make this remark though, and I want to make it fully known to