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from Bellevue are certainly interested in helping Ralston and Papillion and Plattsmouth. These people are doing more than a citywide service. Senator Beutler introduced the amendment and he will defend it at the appropriate time. But it simply says the state will no longer pay for the fire training for those volunteer firemen. Now the options are for the local city to pay, or for the firemen themselves. I think that we have battled up and down the line on volunteer firemen. We have had a run from the Department of Health that they can do it better than anybody else and they tried to upgrade training and do things here and transfer around. We finally have the department where it belongs. The service being rendered is excellent service, and it includes a variety of types of service that they are doing in terms of training. Without the volunteer firemen in this state, the state would be in chaos in terms of the service they deliver in terms of the vast difference of sizes of communities and service they want. I think this is a personal affront to the entire volunteer fire service. I think that it is unnecessary, unwarranted and certainly should be stricken from this committee amendment, and the Legislature ought to make their position clear one more time that we have finally developed a system to help provide adequate training for those volunteer firemen and certainly if there is anything that has a general benefit to the state it has got to be this one. I ask for the adoption of my amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle, do you wish to speak to the Lewis amendment?

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I certainly do and I want to support Senator Lewis in his effort. We have a very fine volunteer fire department in Kearney and it also serves my rural area and a great amount of area around Kearney. These people dedicate their time. We have a couple of paid people, I think, that do the driving and some of the other work. The rest is all volunteer. The training has been excellent. They have had...we provided these people with modern equipment, the very best for both rural and city firefighting and they provide the service. So I am certainly in support of giving them the training they need and as we all know there are new developments in firefighting and new equipment that come on the market all the time so that it is a continuous training project. They need to learn. Several of our communities have just acquired a jaws of life which they are using in the emergency end of this more than in the fire end of it perhaps. But I think it would be foolish to change that procedure at this