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SENATOR JONES: ...because there's a lot of them been out there 10-20 years already, see,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: It's...yeah.

SENATOR JONES: ...and I just wonder if there'd be a break for them too. But I think this is a really important bill and I'm...I kind of feel a little bit like Senator Matzke saying that are we going far enough with our volunteer fire people out there because they are putting their line on the...life on the line all the time and hopefully that we can figure out some other way to help them a little bit more. But I am going to be in supportive of this bill because the big burn area in my area and hopefully that we can get some equipment back out there from the government...Governor's Emergency Fund or something to help get the equipment back up in shape 'cause it's...a lot of it's in terrible shape right now. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Mr. Speaker, I respectfully call the question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Question's been called. Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate has ceased. Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it does three things: the board is one year; responsibility is transferred to the State Fire Marshal; and it reduces the funding from 250 to 100 dollars from the state. So that's all the amendment does. Ask for the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question