

been saved and damages would have been held down. Now first of all when you, if you happen to look at the fiscal impact of the original bill, so that you won't get a heart attack, I'm going to tell you right off that the fiscal impact is \$40,000 and that is all. \$40,000. That is for the State Fire Marshal Wally Barnett to carry out the duties that this bill does include. I would like to go over briefly and I wish you would follow along with the white copy. Section one through seven deals with definitions of apartment houses, dwellings, dwelling units, hotel lodging houses and mobile homes. Section eight has to do with remodelling, what does it constitute and please listen to this. This has to do only where permits are required. Now don't forget that. Section nine, the State Fire Marshal "shall" adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this act. He shall administer provisions and shall delegate such responsibility to authorized representatives. He may investigate violation and shall report findings to the county attorney. I think that is a very important paragraph. Section 10 has to do with what Senator Cullan just told you and that is, in a few words, is to exempt single family homes and dwellings. Up until the date of January 1, 1982. Anything constructed after that date will abide by this bill. Now mobile homes are covered already by federal regulations that date back to 1975. But they also will be covered prior to that date. In Section 2, Section 11, I mean pertains to rules and regulations. Section 12, provides that the owner of the building or his authorized agent shall be responsible for supplying, installing, maintaining and testing smoke detectors. When the building or unit is occupied for more than a month by the same occupant the occupant must...shall be responsible for testing the detector and notifying the owner of any deficiencies. That is important. The owner shall provide notice to such occupant containing instructions for the testing. Efficiency shall not include a worn battery. The owner shall not be in violation of this act when he has not received notice of the deficiency. Section 13, prohibits political subdivisions from adopting standards less stringent than this act, except buildings constructed on or after January 1, 1982. It shall require detectors be attached to a centralized electrical power source with a battery as an alternative power source. No subdivision shall make this requirement on buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1982. Section 4, is a violation, it is a Class V misdemeanor, a hundred dollar fine, no jail sentence, no minimum fine required. Now that is a brief overlay. Now let me give you some facts why smoke detectors are essential. In Nebraska we had 3,879 fires in 1980. Think of that, 3,879.