

SENATOR BEYER: No, it was a group of some of the investigators that I had worked with on some volunteer fire issues.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And who is going to do this training that everybody is going to have to have?

SENATOR BEYER: Some of that will be done by what the board will set up that is appointed by the Secretary of State. They will make provisions for who will do that extra training. There are various schools, you know, as UNO has some and the Metro Tech Colleges have some areas for that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, the secretary that this bill speaks of who is going to be an ex officio member of this board and have all this authority, including appointing everybody who is a member, is the Secretary of State, isn't that true?

SENATOR BEYER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now it also says in the bill that the Secretary of State is the one who will conduct any hearings, if a person feels aggrieved because of anything done by this board, isn't that true?

SENATOR BEYER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How in the world is the secretary going to appoint a board, set up the standards, oversee the operation, then be the hearing officer, if somebody has a complaint against something he has done? What kind of a sense does that make?

SENATOR BEYER: It comes up through the advisory board, Senator Chambers, that he appoints.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't care about any advisory board. The hearing officer is the Secretary of State. What kind of sense does that make? Were you aware of that?

SENATOR BEYER: Oh, I believe so.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't want to know what you believe...

SENATOR BEYER: That was what merely what was agreed to with everybody, Senator Chambers.