

SENATOR NELSON: And they have a choice of defined benefit or defined, because some it works out better than others if they were in the system before.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, one more question, I guess. In some cities we have paid firemen, some cities of the first class we have paid firemen, and we also have some volunteer firemen. Now the volunteer firemen wouldn't be covered under this?

SENATOR NELSON: No, they are not, and we had one Class II city, small, I think the only one that came in and requested to be covered, but it just wasn't possible to, since they were volunteer, to work them in.

SENATOR HEFNER: Could you tell me what a first class city is, is that 20,000?

SENATOR NELSON: No, it is more than that, it goes up to 100,000, doesn't it?

SENATOR HEFNER: Hundred, okay, (interruption) I can...

SENATOR NELSON: I don't know, there is North Platte, Hastings, Grand Island.

SENATOR HEFNER: I can look that up, thank you. Thank you, Senator Nelson.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Elmer, you are next. Senator Robinson

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Nelson, I just have a point of information. This bill just covers paid firefighters, is that correct?

SENATOR NELSON: Correct, correct, you are correct.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay, yeah, that is all.

SENATOR NELSON: Also, in answer of Senator Hefner asked me, this varies from city to city, and some have not had it at fully funded, in other words, kept their reserve or their money up. But then when someone retired, they had to increase that in their city budget.