

these fire protection districts are raised through fund-raising efforts and they have a difficult time coming up with the money. But it seems that from what I've heard so far, there is no accounting for that money, that if we remove any auditing we don't know where that money goes, how it is spent, what it is spent on. Maybe you can shed some light on this, but if we are saying that the auditor isn't going to audit, and the auditor may only do it once every five years, people can shift and move around. We have different people there later, where's the accountability? What happens with this money?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Preister, thank you for your request there, and you have to realize that this is not fund-raising money. This is tax dollars that they are working with, and they are accountable to their fire district. They are accountable to people in their fire district. They have annual meetings, and if you see that there are any problems coming up, if someone is spending \$150,000 every year, certainly you are going to wonder where in the world this money is coming from. An internal audit can be held. If you go to the fire protection board meeting and see what's happening there, most of these districts buy very little equipment. When they do buy equipment, it is very, very expensive.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Janssen, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before the body with two seconds left is the advancement of LB 205. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to advance the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 205 advances. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, there are, Madam President. Notice of committee hearing from Revenue Committee. Amendments to LB 490 from Senator Kristensen to be printed; LB 455 from Senator Lindsay to be printed. New A bill, LB 455A by Senator Bohlke. (Read for the first time by title.) Motion from Senator Wehrbein to suspend the rules and place LB 889 on General File.