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\$100 per active volunteer per year. That's the committee amendments. I'd be glad to answer any questions on the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. For discussion on the committee amendments, Senator Hartnett, your light is next, did you want to.... Okay, thank you. Senators Janssen, Senator Wehrbein, Senator Stuhr, and Senator Baker. Senator Janssen, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. If I'm looking at this right now, Senator Hartnett, we are...last year we were at a \$200 contribution from the state. Is that correct? Two hundred and fifty. Now we're down to \$100 now, right? And that can be matched, maybe matched by the local...local fire department or rural fire protection district, right?

SENATOR HARTNETT: The locals, if they're going to participate in the program, they must contribute \$100.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, but...

SENATOR HARTNETT: The local must contribute state...

SENATOR JANSSEN: This...this is not...this is not a compulsory, it is...it's a...is...each department on their own can decide whether they want to...whether they want to participate in this.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. And I'd like to comment about the fact that volunteers do respond to any situation anywhere in the state, and a lot of times that is state property where they go and put out fires and so on and so forth. And just thinking of some of the places where there.... You know, here, a couple of weeks ago, when they had the big fire out west, that got pretty close to the Halsey Forest. I...I...that's what Senator Jones' had told me. Another thing that...being on a volunteer fire department for several years we had two railroads that came through our district and a lot of times we were...well, more than a lot, quite often in this time of the year and in the fall