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SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. It's optional for the state to put in \$100, but for the locals they must put in...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And we would not do it at the state level for a department that had nothing.

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's correct.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And they can get their money from wherever they want, property tax, fund raisers, spaghetti feeds, all those kinds of...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...or a gift from somebody that had a fire.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Inaudible remark.)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Do the railroads ever give anything?

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Laugh.)

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Do they? I haven't known it in my area. Okay, thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Stuhr, on the committee amendments to LB 849.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I, too, support the efforts of the volunteer firefighters throughout the state. And I do believe that we need to offer some incentives. But I also have a few questions that I'd like to direct to Senator Hartnett, primarily so that we'll have something on the record in regard to these areas. When I read the bill, since becoming involved in retirement issues, it looked very much and has many of the same characteristics that a retirement plan has. But is it a retirement plan?