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departments, and just to see what has happened to the local fire departments, like in Elkhorn and Bennington, Bennington is still a complete volunteer fire department, these people work hard and they put in lots of hours and we are losing, without a doubt. That's why Elkhorn had to go to just about all paid now and has been switching a few paid and now I think it's all paid in the last...well, will be within the next year completely all paid fire department because of the volunteers. I believe something like this needs to be done and I'll be supporting it for that reason. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Just a couple more questions to Senator Hartnett. And I was stopped in the hallway by someone saying, well, you must not be supporting this bill, and I do want to say that I am supporting it. But the comments that and the questions that were asked this morning, I thought it was important that those be on record and that we have a response. But one question that we've been discussing is, what about the fund that is going to be established on the state level? Senator Hartnett, would you respond to that question, please?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think, off the mike, Senator Stuhr, I think it with Senator Wehrbein, yourself, Senator Baker and so forth, and I think what we're going to do is on Select File we'll offer an amendment, and hopefully everybody will sign on, that will put all this money into the Nebraska Investment Council and put it under there, both the local contribution and the state contribution will go into that, and I think you're...and we'll visit with that council so we get the right language so we can do that. So that's my purpose. We will...we can't do it...I think it's pretty complicated, but we'll do that on Select File.

SENATOR STUHR: Okay, thank you, because I do think that that was a concern earlier when I asked you about the State Fire Marshal, if we thought that they were the appropriate person to be in charge of that fund, and with further investigation I too believe that if the Investment Council, who works with additional funding and invests it properly, would be a more appropriate place. So thank you very much.