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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...for their service, and I don't think \$100 a year is going to do the job. The answer is either a very greatly expanded expensive retirement program for them where we're talking about perhaps tens of millions of dollars, and I don't think that we're in a position financially to do that and I don't think it would be wise. Think most people that serve as volunteers serve for the sense of service and not for remuneration and I think we would actually insult them by trying to compensate them in some manner for this. I don't really think in the end it would be an inducement. I think what it would do is create an aura that we're trying to compensate them for it and we would actually end up losing volunteers, so I don't think this bill is the appropriate way to address this problem. If we really want to address this problem then let's put some money into a system that will provide for not...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...individual compensation but compensation to the districts for their expenses. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I have to stand up and talk a little bit because of the big fire up in my district and you realize how much that equipment got tore up during this time. It was tremendous. I talked to a volunteer firefighter from Stapleton that went up there and got their at ten-thirty at night and they looked up over the hill and all they could do is turn and run, and they just barely made it to Highway 83 with a fire truck. They just couldn't even outrun it, so you imagine what kind of damage it did to a lot of the fire equipment, and some way or another we're going to have to get a lot of that replaced before the...have something else like this. I tell you another little incident that a lot of people makes it hard to believe. The fire was so wide that the man on the saddle horse couldn't stay ahead of it and he had to run back through it because that's the only way he kept from getting