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SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes, I believe that's correct, yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: You know, I'm not going to get any credit for the years that I worked?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think that's...

SENATOR VRTISKA: And that's the part I have a little bit of difficulty with.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, that's...yeah, that's correct.

SENATOR VRTISKA: It looks like if you were good enough to work in there, and you can't help that your job moves you to another community,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: That's the way the bill is drafted right now, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I may want to talk to you about that. I think that...

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay. Yeah.

SENATOR VRTISKA: But I do...but I do support the bill, because I think it is necessary for us to make some incentives to get people to participate, because it's getting more and more difficult, particularly in small towns, to get a full and adequate group. Our...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...presently, in our fire department, we're blessed with having 25 firemen. But at the same time, some of those firemen are not available all the, you know, every day. And secondly, some of them have jobs where their boss is not tickled to let them go out and spend four or five hours fighting some fire. So we certainly need to do something to encourage, help these people. I just wish they'd have had it back when I belonged, so I would have a nice nest egg, (laugh) but I'm too late. But anyway, thank you, Senator Hartnett. And again, I support the concept. I would like to...to...I would like to see