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based upon the Volunteer Service Award Benefit Review Board, was created by LB 849, which was adopted by the 1990 (sic--1999) Legislative Session. The program was based on making annual monetary awards to accounts of active volunteers, with the volunteers actually receiving the accumulation of age 65 if they successfully completed at least 10 years of active service. A basic element of the program was to develop a statewide standard for what constituted active service for volunteers, as to ensure that all volunteers, no matter where they served in the state and no matter what the size of the department, would be treated equally. To accomplish that goal, the act was called appointment of Volunteer Service Award Benefit Review Board to develop a point system for determining when a volunteer would be considered to be an active volunteer. The Governor appointed nine members, three from each congressional district; one member from a governing board of a first class city, one from a governing board of a second class city, one from a governing board of a village, one from a governing board of a fire protection district, and one from the governing board of a suburban fire protection (inaudible). Two additional members were volunteer (inaudible) with at least five years of service in their department, and the final two members would be volunteer primarily engaged in the rescue squad service for at least five years. The people that were...were confirmed by the...voted out of the Urban Affairs Committee, first one from the first congressional district was Charles Carlson (sic--Carson), Dakota City, Mayor of Dakota City and a 10-year veteran of volunteer fire department; next one was Charles (sic--Clarence) Schweitzer from Valparaiso, a 25-year veteran with EMT in the local department; Rob...Bob Tichota from Blair, a 31-year veteran in Blair and a past president of Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen (sic--Firefighter's) Association. From the second congressional districts were Travis Mayer from Gretna, a 27-year veteran firefighter in Gretna; and Dave Wees from Bellevue, city council member in Bellevue; Tim Wassling, a president of the Eastern Sarpy County Protection District. And from the third congressional district, Nicholas Ross from Madrid, has served on two terms of the village board of Madrid and is an EMT; James Templar from Gering, 25-year veteran in the Gering Volunteer Department and also serves as a Scottsbluff mutual aid; Keith Wood of Benkelman, who serves as a member of the board of the Chase and