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to support.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of LB 78, Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to ask Senator Hartnett a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Hartnett, to a question of Senator Burling?

SENATOR BURLING: The way I understand this, Senator Hartnett, this bill is merely extending the same privilege that's granted now to first-class and metropolitan cities to the smaller cities?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yes. Uh-huh.

SENATOR BURLING: Okay. Who appoints this inspector? The fire chief?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I...yes, I believe so.

SENATOR BURLING: Or could the fire chief be the inspector?

SENATOR HARTNETT: The fire chief could be the inspector.

SENATOR BURLING: In other words, appoint himself, with city council approval, or...?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I believe that's the way it is. Uh-huh.

SENATOR BURLING: Okay. Well, I have the same concerns that speakers ahead of me have shared. And the state is already divided into districts by the State Fire Marshal's Office. And we have deputy marshals in the field around the state. With those inspectors, there is an appeal process. What's the appeal process for a local inspector citation?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I think there would be the same...Senator