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SENATOR JANSSEN: It will cost approximately, those that have that now, there are some departments that have raised theirs to the \$10,000, but it costs about \$20 a year for the extra \$5,000. So it wouldn't, and the companies, most of them are under strength now, so it wouldn't be that big of a burden on that fire protection district, probably \$400 a year.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Twenty dollars more a year for the policies to raise from five to ten, is that right?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Right, um-hum.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I just thought, and as I said I support the bill because I realize that there is a lot of effort put in by firemen for nothing. I mean they don't get paid, at least the ones that I worked in, and many that I know don't get paid. So I support the bill, but I just thought it would be interesting and that the senators here discussing this should know about what it's going to cost because money is a tight commodity now, and we all know that, and it depends on where our priorities are. I happen to believe that what you're doing is something that should be done and should have been done before. But I just wanted to bring that point out, and with that, I thank you, Senator Janssen. I turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I need a little enlightenment on this. And, Senator Janssen, these bills have come out so quickly that I haven't had a chance really to satisfy myself what they mean by studying them, so I have to ask you a question or two. Do counties provide these insurance policies for these volunteer firefighters?

SENATOR JANSSEN: They are usually either a city or a rural fire protection district, which is...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do they...okay. Do they all support this bill?