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SENATOR CHAMBERS: This bill does not set a maximum, does it?

SENATOR JANSSEN: No. Yes, it does. The minimum death benefit shall be \$10,000. That is the minimum. It does not set a maximum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So right now these groups can raise the value of these policies to whatever amount they want.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's exactly right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if they...

SENATOR JANSSEN: There are some...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...if those who support the bill can do that right now, why are they asking us to put a piece of unnecessary legislation on the books saying they can do what they can already do under the existing law?

SENATOR JANSSEN: But it says that the policy shall provide a minimum, as it did before when the minimum was \$5,000. Now they will have to put that up to \$10,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if those who are going to have these volunteer fire operations support this being done, we don't have to put it in the bill and legislate it by statute, do we?

SENATOR JANSSEN: In my estimation, it should be in there; the minimum should be in at \$10,000. They can do it now on their own if they want to, but this would actually force them to put the minimum at \$10,000 rather than \$5,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You mean we are going to force them to do what they want to do anyway?

SENATOR JANSSEN: I would imagine there are some that take those volunteers for granted and feel as though that they wouldn't have to do this. But I don't believe that one volunteer fire department is any less worthy than another one, so I think the