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SENATOR CHAMBERS: What Senator Janssen did was made me think of that joke that I'm sure you all have read which was the funniest joke in the world. This guy called 911 and he said, my friend and I were hunting and my friend was seriously hurt. And so the woman said, well, is he dead? He said, well, I'm not sure. She said, well, go make sure whether he's dead or not. So there was a pause; then she heard "bam." He came back to the phone; he said, he's dead now. That's what Senator Janssen is saying. I don't want to seem like I'm against every bill that comes up, but I'm not too familiar with these volunteer firefighting associations. Senator Janssen, do these people get anything by way of compensation for serving in this capacity?

SENATOR JANSSEN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So this insurance policy would be the only thing that could be considered in the nature of a reward or recognition of the value of their service.

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which of these volunteer firefighting...what do you call this, a firefighters...volunteer fire department?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which of these volunteer fire departments are not willing to increase the value of the policy? Did the North Bend Volunteer Fire Department have a problem with whoever wants them to operate...

SENATOR JANSSEN: No. That particular...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...increasing the amount of the insurance?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Excuse me, Senator, but that particular fire department is in my district and they have raised theirs to \$10,000.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, how about the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association? They don't...they're not covered by