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SENATOR JANSSEN: Yeah, thank you, Senator Cudaback. This is...this is something I think that needs to be done. We have...I have met this summer with other departments throughout my district anyway, and this is one of the first things they ask me. You know has...did you get...what happened to that bill last year? I said, well, we just ran out of time. It's not putting that big of a burden on any one fire protection district or municipality. I mean if you don't think that the people that are helping you save your buildings, your property, and even your life, in some cases, aren't worth an extra 25 bucks a year, well, then maybe you don't appreciate them enough. But I think this is something that needs to be done, and it should have gotten taken care of last year. Now you have the opportunity to at least show a little bit of support for those men and women who are doing something that a lot of us don't want to do. With that, I would ask for your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. You've heard the closing on LB 167. The question before the body is, shall that bill be advanced to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 167 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 167.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 242, a bill by Senator Jensen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for public hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on LB 242.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the