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I have not been threatened with any figures.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: You haven't been threatened this session?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Not personally because we drew up the bill and had the conversation with the people that this would satisfy them.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: As you know, I have got a simple little amendment on the desk and with the tacking on of this amendment, then I would say that I could probably support your bill because it would leave it open. If they didn't want to, they wouldn't have to.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well, I have not read your amendment. I heard about it this morning, visited with you on it but I would hope that we would adopt these Committee amendments that have been sent out all over the state. There have been many meetings and I have not had any correspondence from any District or any Senator until I visited with you this morning. So at this time, with the amendments and any place that I have had an opportunity I have asked the question many times and it's been in agreement. All small towns and right on through. I know that you tell me that you have some objections.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: It won't be the first time that we have disagreed, Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: No, and I wish that I'd have known that and I would have even made a special trip out to your district because...

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I feel...well, I feel, though, that the amendment that I have up there would surely leave an option to anybody. Thank you, Senator Kennedy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to support this bill. Senator Kennedy and I did meet with the volunteer groups. We spent a long time working out these details and one of the things that makes it acceptable to the volunteer groups at this time is this Board who will determine the rules and regulations under which they are going to operate is made up of the volunteer personnel. This was the one thing that did deter these people in the past. They were...some of the trial bills we had prior to this had so many stringent regulations written into them by the Department of Health that it did concern these people. Now the way this is presently drawn in the amendments, it is acceptable to all of these groups that I have met with. I am a little appalled at Senator Rasmussen amendment but we will deal with that when it comes time, I guess.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to direct a question to Senator Kennedy, on #8, page 10, line 22, emergency medical service be deleted and Nebraska State Firemen's Association being entered, is that not being discriminatory towards those women who,