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ambulances, 2 of whom shall be representatives of local governmental ambulance services. At that point, Senator Kennedy, I would like to ask you, are you knowledgeable to know that 70% of all patients that are carried in ambulances today in Nebraska are by paid firemen or fire first-aiders and I am just wondering if we shouldn't...I am positive that I can support this bill but I would like to ask you what you would think of possibly seeing that these 70% of the patients that are carried by the volunteer...or by the paid fire departments should have a representation which is equal as to the volunteer.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I would say, Senator Mahoney, that we discussed this in our meeting and conference with the representative of those paid ambulance service people and that particular situation was well discussed. They are not under the jurisdiction...they do have their own paid operation and so forth and so on. They agreed to the bill as written with the construction of the Board and backed it. I can't remember the gentleman's name at this time that was representing. We had one from Omaha and one from Lincoln but very definite, this was discussed. The consideration of the bill is certainly for the volunteers, for the small ambulance service outstate that is not paid for.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Robert Rockwell of Omaha, probably. Does this sound reasonable? Anyway, I know we had a gentleman from Omaha and one from Lincoln and with the amendments and with the Board structure, they did back this.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Kennedy, I can maybe make it a little bit plainer in this avenue or easier for an explanation in saying that I would wonder at some time, either in the discussion of the bill now or possibly when we get it over on Select File, why in line 26 after ambulances where the comma is, that we couldn't amend it to say, 2 of whom should be representatives of local government, at that point we would say, 2 local government which may be paid fire fighters.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I don't believe there would be an objection to that, Senator Mahoney. I would like to take that back to all of the volunteer and all of the people, which were not all volunteer, but to all of the people that did come forward and spend a considerable amount of hours working at this. I don't think that they would object to that amendment but I would like to ask for that because it has been accepted by the cities and by the rural and through the state of Nebraska. So I would be happy to present that to them, if you would so wish.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Would you kindly do so, as an urban Senator which has over 600 members of a paid fire department, I am quite sure that paid fire department representatives would like to be represented as the two local representatives and I don't think it would be that great of a question to disturb the Board.

SENATOR KENNEDY: No, I don't either. If you will see that