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major highways and the interstate system, are located throughout the state and in most instances, the responsibility for providing fire protection and emergency response is...falls on volunteer fire people. We have had in Cass County growth around Mahoney Park. That is all falling onto the Ashland volunteer fire department. So what my amendment simply does is simply start the funding in the year 2000. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The question before the body is the adoption of the Hartnett amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1293. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Hartnett's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Hartnett amendment is adopted. We return to a discussion of the committee amendments. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett, to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARTNETT: The committee amendments become the bill and we set up a new board. We ask the state to contribute \$250 times the number of volunteers that has qualified as a bona fide firefighter and rescue person. And it will start in the year, with the adoption of my amendment, would start in the year 2000. And I told Senator Wehrbein off the mike I think that I see the 250 as the cap and maybe we can work out something so we provide some flexibility to the Appropriations Committee as they deal with this. As it is in the bill right now, it's just 250 straight out. That cost, as he has said, \$1.2 million up to \$1,800,000. So I would simply ask for the advancement of the...adoption of the committee amendments and then adopt advancement of the bill and then I'll simply work with Senator Wehrbein and try to get some language that will give some flexibility to the Appropriations Committee.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. The question before the body, excuse me, is there any further discussion? That was closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1293. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please