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**SPEAKER:** Senator Barnett.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** I guess I have a question for Senator Stahmer.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Stahmer, will you yield?

**SENATOR STAHMER:** Yes.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** How does your amendment read?

**SENATOR STAHMER:** It would add up to any cause connected with fire-fighting or words to that affect. In other words, those killed in the line of duty and if you'd like to make it \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$50,000, I'd support that.

**SENATOR BARNETT:** No, I'd just have to oppose that kind of an amendment because I don't think that's even necessary at this time. I think that if they are covered on an insurance policy, they should be covered. This is one of the benefits. The only benefit they get for their family in the event something happens because not any specific reason but if you take any insurance policy and limit it to different actions of life, you may not collect on any of them.

**SENATOR STAHMER:** I would think the policy could be written connected with the line of duty work and I'd support any addition to it once this amendment were adopted. I think if indeed they die fighting a fire \$10,000, \$20,000, or \$30,000 or \$50,000 would be none too much.

**SPEAKER:** Is there further discussion of the Stahmer amendment? Senator Mahoney, do you have some input on the amendment here.

**SENATOR MAHONEY:** Mr. President, I rise to speak against the Stahmer amendment because the amendment that Senator Stahmer proposes here you might as well kill the bill. I very definitely feel we should vote down the Stahmer amendment.

**SPEAKER:** Is there any further discussion of that amendment? Senator Carpenter.

**SENATOR CARPENTER:** If you adopt the amendment, all you do is bring a lawsuit for every claim because somebody has to prove how the death was caused and what Senator Marsh said the man who is the fireman is not going to get anything. He is not going to benefit, only his family. His family gets nothing till he dies and I think that is the least we can do for him.

**SPEAKER:** Is there any further discussion of the amendment? Senator Stahmer, do you care to close on your amendment. Senator Stahmer waives closing. All of those in favor of the Stahmer amendment say aye, all those opposed..all those in favor of the Stahmer amendment vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Voting on the Stahmer amendment to LB 249. We have a fire on the board. Have you all voted? The clerk will record. I am sure, Senator Stahmer, they admire your courage.

**CLERK:** 1 aye, 32 nays, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER:** The motion has lost. We are back to 249 as amended. Senator Skarda, what is your pleasure regarding the bill?

**SENATOR SKARDA:** I move that we ought to adopt the amendment. I move the amendment be adopted, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER:** No. We are moving the bill.

**SENATOR SKARDA:** I move the bill be advanced to E & R for Initial as amended.

**SPEAKER:** The question is shall LB 249 be advanced from General File to E & R Initial as amended. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will