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where we required an audit of the budgets and we reduced that to, from one year to three years and it is felt that it's too much of an obligation for a small village to carry over half of their budget for fire insurance protection of those that are employed. This amendment would change the bill and leave it as it is at two thousand dollars and give them the permission to take up the question of five thousand if they so desire. So as a consequence I'd like to have it returned to select file for the amendment.

SPEAKER: Any further discussion of the bill? Senator Barnett, then Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR BARNETT: I have a question of Senator Wiltse?

SPEAKER: Will you yield Senator Wiltse?

SENATOR WILTSE: Yes sir.

SENATOR BARNETT: Is this the amendment we talked about earlier where there is a minimum of two that shall, it doesn't remove the shall.

SENATOR WILTSE: It changes it to may for the village and below first class.

SENATOR BARNETT: Are you saying it shall now have in there shall purchase.

SENATOR WILTSE: May. The amendment as it reads says, the policy may be purchased.

SENATOR BARNETT: Well I hate to speak for the firemen on this thing, but I'd rather have you leave the word shall in there in place of may, and make a minimum of two and a maximum of five, but I think you have to pay your volunteer firemen something, you're not paying them any money, this only a small dedication or small token as to what you're going to give these men. I know we talked about it, and you said you had a price of ninety cents a thousand on this and I thought that I got back to you in time to tell you that it is not running that high, I'm sure that there are prices lower than that and if they can get the insurance for these volunteer firemen of which they receive nothing else, for about fifty or sixty, even as low as forty cents, we have found in the state, so it wouldn't cost that fantastic figure that you did have on the ninety cents and I would rather not go along with the whole amendment that you offer, I would be tickled to death and I only speak for myself having worked with them across the state, and I would say that a minimum of two thousand is almost a must Senator Wiltse, I don't see how they can get away with giving these men anything less.

SENATOR WILTSE: The fact of this case at the present time we have an established minimum, that is already in effect.

SENATOR BARNETT: Yeah it's two thousand but I think with your amendment you are going to change that to may, therefore there might be some of these towns that wouldn't buy them anything.

SENATOR WILTSE: You were to get one thing for me as something, as to a certain figure, now the quotation that I got from the town of Tablerock is ninety cents per thousand per month, which would involve a premium of in excess of two hundred and sixty dollars out of the six hundred dollars budget that they have as a complete budget of the town and the community.

SENATOR BARNETT: That's for the whole fire department.

SENATOR WILTSE: That's the whole fire department, yes, and if it were possible to get a lower rate they might be acceptable to this type of a proposal, otherwise -