

opposed vote nay. It takes 25 votes. A record vote has been called for. Senator Whitney voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Whitney voting aye.

SPEAKER: Have you all voted? The clerk will record the vote?

CLERK: Vote read. 13 ayes, 22 nays, 14 not voting.

SPEAKER: The motion fails. We now proceed to read LB 249 on Final Reading.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have another motion offered. Is this offered to the bill, Senator Murphy? Motion read.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I speak to the same issue inas much as Senator Maresh's bill deals in another area. I think it would be far more expedient to amend inasmuch as Senator Carpenter concurs with the intent of it to amend this bill than to go through the procedure of passing two bills on the same subject. So with Senator Carpenter's indulgence, I ask that it be returned for this specific amendment.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I'd like to make a rebuttal to Senator Skarda and Barnett that out in our area, our rural areas, we have found by experience when you start paying people you lose dedication. We do a lot of things we don't ask pay for. If we didn't...if we have to pay for everything we did we probably wouldn't get much done, but I am not against...I'm 100% for fireman and I think you've twisted this thing around in such a way that it makes folks who voted against...who voted for the former amendment that we are against firemen, we are not. We think they are great but this idea of starting to pay dedicated people who volunteer to do things, I think you are going to find out like in the cities, nobody volunteers. A man can be murdered in the street and folks just walk right by. That doesn't happen in our local, small towns.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Skarda.

SENATOR SKARDA: May I ask Senator Murphy a question, please?

SPEAKER: Senator Murphy, will you yield?

SENATOR SKARDA: Senator Murphy, I spent a lifetime in the pay department and those in the rescue squad and those in the active fire department were all classified as the same, as firemen period. I'm wondering and I asked Senator Clark and his are classified as firemen, too. I'm wondering if you are sure that yours are not classified as firemen, those that pertain to rescue squad units.

SENATOR MURPHY: I'm...excuse me, I'm basing the request on specific request that it be changed and I'm assuming, therefore, that these fire and rescue people are aware of the specifics of their designation. I was asked to change...

SENATOR SKARDA: I'm not objectionable. That's fine with me.

SENATOR MURPHY: Fine.

SPEAKER: The question has been called for. Senator Murphy, do you wish to close?

SENATOR MURPHY: No closing.

SPEAKER: The motion is to return LB 249 to Select File for