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Marshal said that he did not think that they should go ahead with this particular burning. I might say that local fire chiefs are very conscientious and are well trained in this work. So I really don't think there would be any necessity to have that in the bill.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: How many local fire chiefs are there in the state, Senator Hefner? Do you have a rough idea?

SENATOR HEFNER: No, I don't, but I imagine there are probably six or seven hundred of them, because...

SENATOR HOAGLAND: I guess my concern is that out of six or seven hundred we may have a couple who just are not going to do what needs to be done because of political pressures, and I just wonder if in that situation we don't need to permit some sort of override authority, but we can talk about this off the floor if you would prefer.

SENATOR HEFNER: I can check that with the State Fire Marshal and offer an amendment on...

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Select File.

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SENATOR HOAGLAND: Why don't we talk about that some more later?

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, I would like to ask Senator Hefner a question if he would yield also. Senator Hefner, I apologize. I wasn't listening as close as I should have been probably through the debate here on this issue, and I just now got a copy of the bill out to look through it. What does the State Fire Marshal have to say about this particular piece of legislation?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Vickers, the State Fire Marshal and the fire chiefs across the state brought this legislation to me, and he testified at the committee hearing for the bill.

SENATOR VICKERS: In your opinion, do you think that this is