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that was a product of a meeting in the Speaker's office with...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...representatives of the League, and my belief is if they don't...I don't want to say that they wholeheartedly support it, but at least they are neutral or lukewarm, let me put it that way. I am not sure exactly where to put their temperature on the bill, but they've approved the amendments and I think they agree with the bill.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, very briefly, I know Senator Cudaback is a fireman, and Senator Vrtiska is a fireman, Senator Wickersham is a fireman, and I was an old fireman but my fire has burned out, I wanted to let you know, and we have thoroughly...no bill that come before the Government Committee and also I think we had a bill in Urban Affairs, no bill has been more thoroughly discussed than this bill. I would urge you to support it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members, it's the old story here, don't bite the hand that feeds you, and this was the don't bite the hand that protects you. This country and the state was founded on volunteers, and volunteer organizations, and so on, and we owe a lot to the volunteers in this state. As far as watching over the books, I think every volunteer fire department that I know of has an executive board who does audit these books and makes sure that the money is being spent in the right way. You have to remember whenever...whenever you use funds like this to help build a new fire barn or buy a new truck, that is less tax dollars that it takes to support the fire service in this state. So I, therefore, am very much in support of this bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Any other discussion on the advancement of LB 516? Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I was just chastised by Senator Schimek because I said fireman. It