

Senator Fisher consideration for his amendment.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. You've heard the motion. Those who care to speak to the suspension of the rules. Senator Moore. Senator Abboud. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I have a question for Senator Fisher.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Fisher, if you would respond, please.

SENATOR FISHER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Fisher, are you in favor of suspending the rules now?

SENATOR FISHER: Yes, sir, I am.

SENATOR ABOUD: But you withdrew your motion to suspend before?

SENATOR FISHER: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: But you want over on different rules.

SENATOR FISHER: I want on different...

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. Okay. I...I would like to address this particular bill. I served on the Retirement Committee for about eight years and early retirement is something that comes up and it probably...I'm really torn on this issue because I know the patrolmen work very hard on a daily basis and they place their life at risk on a daily basis and it's probably in the best interest of public safety to have members of the Patrol that are of a certain age that they're able to handle the stress, physical as well as mental, that goes with being a patrolman. But I also have...I have some amendments that I would like to add on this retirement bill as well. And I also have firemen in my district that are very concerned about seeing this bill adopted, and I'm afraid that if this amendment is adopted that it could seriously jeopardize the passage of the firefighters' bill. So I'm really torn whether to make these kind of changes at this time on this particular bill. I think if bill would have been something that could have been agreed upon and we could have attached it, it would have been fine, but considering the nature of this particular amendment and the outspoken criticism that we've seen on it, I'm really probably not going