

SENATOR HALL: Okay. Mr. Clerk, if you could call the roll, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 2649-50 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 31 ayes, 10 nays on the motion to suspend the rules.

SENATOR HALL: The rules are suspended. We are back on the motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment and, Senator Moore, your light is on.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I rise to oppose Senator Fisher's amendment. First and foremost, I historically have concerns about early retirement bills and consistently vote against them and will do so again on this measure because the simple fact of the matter is that I don't think as society as a whole we can have a majority of the people not working on retirement and have those that are working paying the bill and that trend we need to learn from the federal government as well as our neighboring states. That's the one reason. Secondly, an argument as been made that we need this bill because of budgetary actions in the safety officers and I just don't, I mean I have a concern about that. For one, if that...if I really thought people were going to be laid off, even if I thought people were going to be laid off, which I don't think people will be laid-off, but if they were going to be laid off you'd be much wiser in the long term to put those six and a half people in instead of doing this. This will cost you much more in the long term than those safety officers will. And I, myself, between the flexibility given to the patrol on the computer issue, between openings in the carrier enforcement issue, even if this bill does not pass, I would project it...they will not be...I can speak rather confidently that I don't think six and a half people would be laid off. I think between the flexibility already given them and the possibility of shifting the lower, the carrier enforcement, there will not be any troopers presently employed laid off even if you do not pass 724. So don't vote for it for that reason. If you think it's wise policy, vote for it. I think it's poor policy and I'll be voting against it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Hohenstein, your light is next.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Thank you, Senator Hall, members of the