

body. I share some of Senator Wesely's concerns. I can't imagine how you could bring a bill up on maybe Final Reading or Select File and then amend a bill to it or another bill to it or another bill to it or another bill to it and I think that happened a while ago, Senator Wesely, on one of your bills and we brought, was it eight? I don't remember, I lost track that morning, eight different bills we stuck onto it so I understand your concern. I just don't think it's quite as genuine as maybe you've indicated here. We learned from the procedure moments ago that we can do this so we should get to the issue of whether this is legitimate and the reason I support returning it to Select File for this specific amendment is because I'm convinced that the patrol, because of the retirements, and let me give you some information. I think Senator Wesely is right in indicating he doesn't have some information so we have some to give you. There's a...if this is passed, there's I think 40 officers that would be eligible, 40 officers that would be eligible for early retirement. Anticipate maybe half of those going the first year, maybe less than that, but if you said half of those went the first year. Remember the officers that are eligible for early retirement in the patrol system are the highest paid officers. Now I've had specific conversations with the colonel. If, in fact, the colonel would immediately advance people inside the patrol up to take those positions at the higher payment, we're not going to save any money. He has indicated he is not going to do that. The safety officer issue, I think is really not a very good issue because those cuts were taken because we didn't have the funds to pay for them. But there are 12 unfilled positions on the road right now. I think they could fill those positions without an additional dollar being appropriated from the General Fund to take care of those positions by virtue of the savings they're going to have in these salaries because the older, more highly compensated officers will leave the patrol system, a lot of them are close to retirement now, they've indicated they will retire if this goes, and consequently what will happen is younger, less highly compensated officers will come in to staff and take over the road troop positions. I think there is going to be a savings apart from the fact that this system is overfunded, apart from the fact that the system can probably stand without any problem right now, half or more than half of the patrol officers are retiring. If, in fact, and I think Senator Horgan could comment on this if he wanted to, but there was and there has been an actuarial study that I have and I'm sure it's available to the other members if necessary, that talks about the worst case