

scenario and the best case scenario and what is likely to happen. It's clear I think that the impact of this on the retirement system itself is probably going to be negligible. Now three or four years down the road it might be more but then you can adjust and certainly can adjust the compensation levels that the patrol themselves have to pay for their own retirement. That can be done. But where you're going to see some savings immediately is when you retire an officer. Let me just give you an example. There are 14 trooper II positions that would be eligible for retirement and their annual salary is about 34, or \$35,000. A new officer starting, I think the annual salary classification of a new employee is about \$21,000, twenty-one, twenty-one, five. So if you retire on the lower end of that, two investigators at 34,768 are eligible to retire, 14 sergeants at 40,000. Now obviously you're not going to retire 14 sergeants and not replace some of those. But I've had discussions with the colonel, he is committed to not advancing every single position up there so that he can utilize some of the cost savings to put the troopers back on the roads and he does not have that ability right now. I think that's important. Obviously if he would do that...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: ...and if he would have the ability to do that and do that, we're going to see cost savings in the salary levels across the level from the patrol by virtue of this bill apart from the saving, apart from the effect on the retirement system itself and I think it's clear that you're not going to have 40 officers retire. That's the worst case scenario if all 40 retire the day after this bill became law. That's probably not going to happen, and the actuarial study is based upon that information. I have this information and if anybody wants a copy of it, we'll certainly make copies. It was just provided to me independently, but I rise in support of the return to Select File for this because I think you're going to see some cost savings that's going to allow the patrol administration to get less top heavy. When we had extended discussions about this issue in appropriations, I think they're top heavy, they think they're top heavy, this will allow us to put maybe more troopers back on the road at lower cost, troopers back on the road and that's where I think we ought to be putting them. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Hohenstein. Senator Crosby, your light is next followed by Senators Landis, Lindsay, Wesely,