

quickly here, that show that some of these early retirement plans don't save money, that they end up, you have to pay those retirement benefits and then you have to pay for the replacement and you end up when it all comes out in the wash not necessarily saving any money. So you can save, but it doesn't mean you'd necessarily save. So that's an argument but I'm not sure and I haven't had a chance to look at this handout that that will necessarily be what happens. I have a lot of confidence and faith in our State Patrol, they are wonderful, they do a great job, but I think that amending the bill is not appropriate at this time and I would suggest we wait and look at it further when it comes up on General File next year.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Schmitt, your light is next.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I rise in support of this and I do this for two reasons. One, I believe with the age 50 retirement this will save the state some dollars. I think it will save the six and half safety ed people that were being cut previously and, number two, I don't believe that you can compare law enforcement with other retirements. I don't think other retirements are out there in all kinds of weather, days, nights, holidays, weekends, physically handling intoxicated personnel and people that are involved in disturbances and there's not very many of the other retirements where you are out there on the highway chasing speeders and, believe me, when you reach age 50 at night and you're chasing somebody and running 100 miles an hour, your eyes do not focus like they did when you were 30. And I guess I'm not going to spend much time on this. I believe this is just the fact of the matter. I think in law enforcement age 50 is old enough if they have the 25 years. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Schmitt. Senator Horgan, your light is next.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Again, I simply would rise briefly in support of Senator Fisher's amendment. I think we've had some good discussion and indeed as we look at the retirement system of all the systems for Nebraska for our employees, we have the problem of defined benefit plans that exist for all employees except in this instance Senator Day's bill, the firefighters have moved to a defined contribution plan and the unfunded liability is indeed a