

law enforcement. Senator Schmitt and anybody who has studied law enforcement knows that only about 14 percent of a law enforcement officer's time is spent doing what you call enforcing the law, catching criminals and things of that kind. Most of the work is very routine, very dull and that's why in a lot of cases you have chases and other things that are inappropriate. They are trying to find something to do with their time. I had to say that because I heard the light comments about chasing people at 100 miles and in excess of that and it does happen but it is very serious in my opinion. Many years ago in order to give the judges a retirement program the Legislature decided to take a dollar from court costs in every case where a court case was required...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...plus 10 percent of some money from the county courts to put in the judges' retirement fund and you saw the difficulty in trying to get that dollar taken out or to stop using it for that purpose. You can act in haste today and repent in leisure. I know it might be a popular thing to do this afternoon, but there are long-term implications that should be considered. People at the age of 50 can retire, draw that money and get another job. I don't think this is a wise proposal and for the reasons that others have stated plus those I've offered, I cannot support it.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President and colleagues, would Senator Fisher yield to a question?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Fisher, would you respond.

SENATOR FISHER: Yes.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Fisher, is there a mandatory retirement retirement age for state patrolmen?

SENATOR FISHER: Sixty, currently.

SENATOR ABOUD: Do you feel that's a good public policy to have?

SENATOR FISHER: Yes, sir, I understand it is.