

SENATOR ABBOUD: Do you feel that there should be a public policy that requires all public employees to retire at a particular age?

SENATOR FISHER: Not necessarily.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Why is that?

SENATOR FISHER: Well because I think, you heard testimony here, the high risk exposure that these patrolmen are exposed to and I think you have to be quick with reactions and reflexes and good eyesight and sound body and mind.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Should we require patrolmen to retire at the age of 50?

SENATOR FISHER: No, not 50.

SENATOR ABBOUD: At 55?

SENATOR FISHER: No, I think 60 is where we're comfortable at or I'm comfortable with.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Well I'm a little confused here. I mean doesn't your bill call for retirement at age 50?

SENATOR FISHER: They have the option. They must be mandatory, they must reach the age of 50 before they can retire after they have had their 25 years of service.

SENATOR ABBOUD: So some should retire at age 50 and some should retire at age 60?

SENATOR FISHER: Could retire, it's their option. If they have 50 and they have had their 25 years of service and they are eligible for retirement, they can. If they reach 60, then they must.

SENATOR ABBOUD: Well what is the purpose behind the bill? Is it to encourage people to retire at age 50 when they're not competent to serve in the patrol? Is that the purpose of the bill?

SENATOR FISHER: Well I think it was just to enhance the