

retirement policy of the State Highway Patrol. It was to move it down. Currently they have to have their age 55.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well this is basically just a benefit for the patrolmen of serving the State of Nebraska for a 25-year period.

SENATOR FISHER: Yes, and this also is timely because now they do have a cut back so it permits the patrol to move out some of the higher priced, higher level salaried employees and replace them with the younger.

SENATOR ABOUD: Are those the only reasons for a person to vote for this bill?

SENATOR FISHER: Well I think it does offer the safety of the populous of Nebraska by bringing on new patrolmen in the area and letting those that perhaps have exceeded their useful life so to speak.

SENATOR ABOUD: So they're not competent to serve at that age then, some of them.

SENATOR FISHER: They can volunteer. If they feel their competent and their senior officers feel they're competent, I'm sure they have officers report and if they find that they're not up to speed, be on the highway, then they probably wouldn't be permitted to be.

SENATOR ABOUD: Senator Fisher, one more question. In your amendment to the committee amendment it talked about the service in the armed forces which is a portion of the committee amendment. Was that attached to the bill as well? Was the committee amendment taken as a part of your amendment?

SENATOR FISHER: Yes, it was.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. And in that amendment it talks about the length of service shall be credited if they served in the armed forces. Is there a limitation as to how long a person under that section of statute could have served in the armed forces? For example, if someone served for a 10-year period in the armed services, entered into the patrol and reaches the age of 50, could they have served 15 years in the patrol and included the 10-year period in the armed services as well?