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original bill, you did not have new language, you just struck the pension plan retirement (interruption)?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Yes, I struck the provision that deleted the retirees from running for office and, again, the bill, it kind of states back in LB 229, it stated that was their reason and they had to state that because of the Constitution. It would have been an unconstitutional provision and I still think it is although the Attorney General disagrees with me which is not real unusual but if they would not have given a reason then it would have been unconstitutional. So that is why the pension stuff is in there.

SENATOR PRISCH: I just wanted to ascertain your original intention for bringing forth the bill which was to speak to the retired or pension employees of power districts.

SENATOR KILGARIN: Power districts, yes.

SENATOR PRISCH: In that case then, someone must have brought forward the fact that this also then would apply to a full time or part time employees of the district, and in that regard, that was a new thought to you, is that correct?

SENATOR KILGARIN: Yes, that was.

SENATOR PRISCH: Okay. I guess my thought is that it is a good addition to the bill to have this amendment but I would also like to see the provision that it would be from the time of filing instead of for anyone who could get elected because there would be so many times when many file but few are serious or few are elected. So with that reservation I would like to see that amendment put on in Select File and would support the bill in the present form now. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Goll.

SENATOR GOLL: I have a question for Senator Kilgarin, if she would yield please. Senator Kilgarin, I notice that the only ones that were in opposition to this piece of legislation represented the REA association, and may I inquire, was their opposition as you stated strictly to the conflict of interest that may be there or was there other items in their opposition to this bill, and if there were other concerns, can you tell me what they may have been, might have been or...?