

keep going this way and encouraging early retirement, at some point those of us that are younger aren't going to be able to bear the burden. We already saw it in social security. That is now going from 65 to 67 years. You have to be 67 in the next decade...in the next century they are going to move it up to 67 before you can retire under social security, and that is because now there are...there is a headline here, three Americans in work force for every pension recipient. As one of those three in the work force, and that number is getting less by the day, how can we continue to provide these incentives for more people to get on retirement? Who is going to pay the bill? At what point are we going to have the ability to fund all of these retirement benefits? I'm saying the long-term impact of retirement causes me great concern to move in this direction. I'm asking...

SENATOR BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: ...you to consider this amendment as a reasonable alternative to what is now before us.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Before moving to other items on the desk, the Chair would like to recognize two guests of Senator Vickers under the south balcony. Donald Boerkircher of Eustis, and Barbara Kern of North Platte. I would also like to suggest that Matt Boerkircher, one of our Pages, is the son of Don Boerkircher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. We are glad to have you. The Chair now recognizes Speaker Nichol for an announcement.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could have your attention just a moment, please, because I'm sure you'll be interested in this. In talking with the various committee chairmen, Mr. President, may I have their attention please. Mr. Chairman, could I have the gavel so I could have the attention of the gentlemen all over the place...

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes. (Gavel.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: ...because I think you'll very much be interested in this.