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dealing with the merged municipal-county system involving a lawsuit against the state of Nebraska over a retirement package, and municipal employees had a better retirement package than the county and so they filed an action against the state. Now as far as the employees that are currently clerk, under the employment of clerks of the county court, clerks of the district court, they'd be considered county employees at the current time, and we'd be merging them into a state system. Is that the way you see the situation?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR ABOUD: Now how would these county employees if they become a part of the state system, how do you envision their retirement, the meshing of these two retirement systems? I know the bill reads, discusses the retirement packages; and I want to establish some record on the floor here dealing with that particular issue just for future reference.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Now, Senator, I'm going to have to refer back to the bill to look specifically at the technical retirement provisions. But generally speaking, they're protected in their salaries. They would come on to the state retirement system. They would come onto the state health system and that's generally the way it would be handled. Let me get the appropriate provisions in the bill for you so I can read you the exact language if you're interested in that part.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. I had a second question also, well, unless can you give me the answer now or do you want to...

SENATOR BEUTLER: On the date of the transfer, Senator, all transferred employees immediately have the right to participate in the State Employees Retirement System and shall have his or her participation in the retirement system for Nebraska counties or retirement system established pursuant to other sections of the State Employees Retirement System as follows and then there are several provisions that follow the characteristic transfer provisions that we always use in these kinds of situations that are very detailed as you probably are aware.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay. What happens in a situation, let's