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dandy. Senator Whitney you have explained your bill number 1 and so on and Senator and Senator Whitney has asked to suspend for the introduction of that first bill, I think the number was 661, question is shall the rules be suspended and LB 661 be introduced, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Senator Whitney is asking for suspension of the rules in order that the bill might be introduced. The Chair would observe that that would take thirty votes. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, no nays.

SPEAKER: Very good. Rules are suspended and the bill is introduced. Senator Whitney, what is your pleasure?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now the next request is 755, I don't know what the bill number is, but the request is 755, and I'd like to explain it, there is a universally recognized practice in retirement systems to allow a terminating employee to recover those contributions which he has made to this system. As the statutes now read, city of Lincoln Policemen and Firemen who have terminated employment cannot recover their own money unless they have made contributions toward retirement for a period of three years, in addition policemen and firemen of first class cities who have terminated cannot recover their own money unless they have contributed to retirement system for at least five years. Now the pension plan for Lincoln City Employees allows terminated employees to recover their own money at any time, so present law discriminates against the policemen and firemen. Now this bill will promote uniformity among retirement systems in allowing all terminated policemen and firemen to recover their own money at any time. I move that we suspend the rules and that this bill be introduced. It is request number 755.

SPEAKER: Is there need for further discussion. The question is shall the rules be suspended and the bill introduced, all those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Senator Whitney is asking for suspension of the rules to bring in introduction of the bill. Have you all voted. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, Mr. President.

SPEAKER: The bill is introduced. Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now the third request is 754, the problem that this bill will correct is this, an employee maybe terminated because of a reduction of services of a certain department of state government, and even though the employee wishes to continue employment and he is a satisfactory employee, he is terminated and thus loses his prior service benefits. Prior service means creditable service performed prior to the establishment of the retirement system. Now the law presently requires that in the event of voluntary or involuntary termination, an employee is not entitled to any prior service benefits. This bill would provide vesting in the prior service benefits after ten years of employment and would be payable upon his reaching age 65 and accepting retirement. I move we suspend the rules and introduce this bill.

SPEAKER: Any need for further discussion, the question is shall the rules be suspended and the bill introduced, all those in favor will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. Senator Whitney again asking for suspension of the rules in order to introduce the bill, have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 31 ayes Mr. President.