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SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes, has this been referred for the opinions of the budget committee? Nine members.

SENATOR WHITNEY: The retirement committee passed it but it has not been referred to the budget committee as of this moment, however, there are members of the budget committee who voted in favor and have their names on this bill.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well the reason I asked Senator, you're always complaining that the budget committee is side tracked, and you come with a bill for four million dollars a year, you are the one who has been complaining and you side tracked your own committee.

SENATOR WHITNEY: No you are entirely wrong.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well it hasn't been there has it?

SENATOR WHITNEY: The only case where we, I have complained is where you have an additional work load on an existing program. Now this is not necessarily an existing program and it would be fine with me, as to where this would be referred, it doesn't matter to me, but the legislature last year asked the retirement committee to make this study and this is a result of last year's retirement committee study, they recommended this to the legislature, and then this retirement committee is now recommending it to the legislature, and therefore, the retirement committee is doing exactly what the legislature asked it to do.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well Mr. President, I want to refer it to the budget committee, so that it will be in the budget rather than the A bill, and this is going to cost four million dollars a year, that's what the first guess is, and I don't know how it dove tails in with other pension plans which are now in existence, I don't know if they have any pension, any health in that involved or not, the other day we turned down, we turned down a lot of little things, now we are going to spend four million dollars, and those Senators are always complaining about the expenditure money which is not me, they bring in a bill for four million dollars, not referred to the budget committee, it is put on the floor to be introduced in a bill, and I move we refer the bill to the budget committee and let them come in with a recommendation, if they want to recommend it that's fine, I'm for it, but I want them to be for it or against it too.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter I can't accept your motion on referring it to the budget committee until we have the bill introduced, but then fine and dandy, I think that will show on the record and -

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President I think I should respond to that, that this legislature gave this job to the retirement committee to a resolution number 33, this retirement committee is simply carrying out the request of this legislature.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Herb Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Whitney a question?

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney will you yield to a question from Senator Nore?

SENATOR NORE: Hasn't the real problem been, brought this about that some departments have policies with employees and some don't, some have five thousand, some have ten, and another question, we'll answer that one first.