

CLERK: Yeah, let me check one.

PRESIDENT: Stand by.

CLERK: Mr. President, retirement report from retirement committee read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney. 915

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, it would seem logical and practical at this time if our Clerk would read--this is a very important matter because it pertains to the retirement of the State Senators and I would like to have our Clerk read pages 915 and 16 which is the Retirement Committee report which I wrote relative to the question which Senator Syas had brought up and this whole report is in response to Senator Syas' motion on this floor which this Legislature commanded the Retirement Committee to make a study of the recent retirement program for the State Senators. I'd like to have the Clerk read this to us.

CLERK: This is a report (read)

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, back to you.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. There is a typographical error here and I checked up on it on page 915, count up from the bottom of the page 1, 2, 3, 4, 5th line and after the word "paid" on the end of the 5th line, write the word in "unless." I checked my typewritten copy and it's the printer's fault. He did not get the word "unless" in there. Now, I have the copy of all of the statements made in detail on my desk if any person wishes to have a copy of the sections which we had in this regard. However, I would like to say that, repeat that the Attorney General and when I say the Attorney General, I mean the Assistant Attorney General, who was at hand, did not know of any legal way the Board could accept the reinstatement of the retirement system for Senators. Now that would be where the State would match the State Senators' monies, premiums. Now obviously, however, if the State Senators wish to take and have a retirement program, Mr. President, Mr. President--

PRESIDENT: Yes sir.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Will you hit the gavel there a moment?

PRESIDENT: Let's have a little attention please to what Senator Whitney is trying to project.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I can't even hear myself here, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: I concur.

SENATOR WHITNEY: There are two conferences going on right in front of me here.

PRESIDENT: Well, that's pretty hard to terminate. Gentlemen, could we hold it down, please, Senator Whitney's asking you to hold it down. Thank you. Go ahead, Senator.

SENATOR WHITNEY: I'm simply doing my duty as Chairman of the Retirement Committee to try to report on this. This is nothing which I personally wanted to report on. I have information from other attorneys that if the Legislature wanted to take money out of their \$4800 a year and have a retirement program and pay for it all themselves, that that could be done, but that the State could not take any contributions in addition to the \$4800 a year, and so the Attorney General did not know how we could reinstate the retirement

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