

March 26, 1973

(Start Belt #7)

the State could not make any contributions in addition to the forty eight hundred dollars a year, and so the Attorney General did not know how we could reinstate the retirement program in any way, whereby this state would be giving more than the forty eight hundred dollars. Obviously the Attorney said that even though this were an Attorney General's opinion it's possible that the retirement system for state Senators was constitutional. We don't know until the court would decide, but the committee was at a loss to determine exactly what grounds could be used for filing a law suit, and it was felt that the loss of image of the legislature may be greater than the dollar value of the potential winnings. There is only seventeen hundred dollars involved here, where state Senators share, if it were declared constitutional there could be a total of sixty five hundred dollars approximately involved, and so this is the report that the retirement committee wishes to make to the legislature.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, you didn't make any recommendation on what do like -

SENATOR WHITNEY: I could, I suppose I could make a motion to the effect that the legislature approve the retirement committee's report, that's the only motion that I would know that could be made. I don't know whether that's necessary or not.

PRESIDENT: The Chair wasn't suggesting that you ask that, I was just wondering -

SENATOR WHITNEY: Due to the lack of interest among the state Senators while I was explaining it, I see no reason to, of taking any more of your time.

PRESIDENT: Well stand by, Senator Syas has asked to respond here I think, Senator Syas do you care, no he really doesn't have a motion before us, he has made his report, and the question now is, you know, whether someone wants to adopt a motion or do you want to adopt the report, what further action do you care to take, actually I suppose that his retirement report is in direct reply to your previous motion, that they do this, so this is his reply and now I think probably it's back to you as to whatever you choose to do, or how you decide -

SENATOR SYAS: Well I don't think it's quite back to me, I think, he, the way to debate this thing, pardon me, you'd have to have a motion, because I don't agree with the report, but in some ways, but I don't move the report be accepted when I don't agree with the report.

PRESIDENT: Well, stand by, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: If Senator Syas wants a motion, he wants me to make a motion, I only have one motion I can make, but if he wants to make a motion, he could make a motion to, so that we could have a discussion, but I as Chairman of the retirement committee will move that this report be accepted by the legislature.

PRESIDENT: The Chair was just going to observe that we really aren't in need of any motions to debate and that we have plenty on general file, but, that's all right. The motion before us now is to move, the acceptance of the report. Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I'm not to optimistic probably, but I think that this should be known. First place, probably it'll be a repetition,