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to the 3200 that it originally was made to take care of and this number will diminish because of deaths each year and I rise in support of Senator Lewis' amendment.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney and then Senator Richendifer.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think we might just as well go ahead and put Senator Lewis' amendment on here and then I'd like to bracket the bill until the retirement committee can meet and then make some more amendments to this so that it would clarify what is intended so that the administrators would know what to do. Now then you see it would be printed in the Journal and so I feel that we should have this in the Journal so we can see what is to be done with it. But I would prefer that once we put this amendment on then let's just bracket the bill again until we can clarify it.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Richendifer and then Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR RICHEHDIFER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of Senator Lewis' amendment. These people that we are talking about that come under the payment have dedicated their lives teaching your youngsters. The pay that they receive now is very, very minimal and in order to help these people live a better life, I believe that we owe it to these people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was wondering if Senator Frank Lewis would yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, will you yield?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I'll certainly try.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, I agree with you on your amendment, but Senator Lewis, how do you plan to move this bill under the arrangement that we're working under now?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, my intention of course is to move it just as fast as we can and move it as far as we go and if we adjourn Thursday, at least I've got it in prime position for January. I'm going to assume that we're going to move things just as they are and certainly I'm not opposed if anybody can find an improvement on it, anybody finds a flaw then let's do it and I don't think anybody would be opposed to doing that on Select File but Senator Lewis I'm going to try to proceed as normal until it's determined otherwise.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, my question is this. Would you object to having it bracketed on Select File then if we move it with this amendment?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Well, I don't think there's going to be--if we adjourn of course that's where it's going to be and certainly we can move it to Select File and would have time to study it at that point anyway. We're still four or five days away. So I don't even think we have to bracket it at that point. We still have plenty of time to study it.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Well, there's reasonable doubt in my mind that some of Senator Whitney's discussion has raised that there might be some areas that we should look into a little bit and since--if we proceed on this course that we're on now, we will be unable to go to Final Reading anyway so I