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can pull it out when he retires instead of doing it on a monthly basis he can just take that total amount if it is not any more than \$8,000. Currently the law says \$2,000. The other thing that was included and supported by Senator Mills and the county officials is a fact, if the county wants to and the employees want to they can increase their contribution rate from three to four and one half percent, totally voluntary, and that is left in there as a favor to those county officials that want that done. My major interest in the bill and it is not the largest one I ever carried on the floor is that, it is one of the very few times I have done it on almost an individual basis and that is for Dale Payne and he feels that it would be better off for him if he simply had that option at the end. I don't care what else you do with the bill. If you want to leave the county officials part in there about the voluntary system, fine. The only one part I am interested in is to see that that employee that retires, if he has got less than \$8,000 in the account, can take it out. I move the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: A question of my fellow mate from Sarpy County.

PRESIDENT: Will you respond, Senator Lewis, to a question from Senator Keyes?

SENATOR LEWIS: Sure.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Lewis, this is going to leave it so that the county board can make it permissive?

SENATOR LEWIS: First of all, the system is already permissive, the only one we have. The county board has to agree. The employees have to agree to have a system and I think it is...what is it, thirty something counties...Mr. Chairman, I think it is thirty something counties have a system. They can agree to start with. Additionally they have said we would like to contribute more and we would like to match more. We said if you want to, fine, but again I want to make my point very clear that I am not enamored with that section of the bill if there is any kind of objection to it.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, Senator Lewis, I think you and I are right on this, that if this goes through, the