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employee can withdraw from the system if he wants to.

SENATOR LEWIS: No, no.

SENATOR KEYES: He can't? Why don't we fix it that way and then we would bust the system wide open?

SENATOR LEWIS: I don't want to do that. All I am saying is if there is not enough money at the end, give the guy the option of taking his \$5,000 or \$6,000 rather than doing it on a \$27 or \$28 or \$35 a month check and that is the only part of the bill I am interested in. I do not want any other withdrawal options or anything else in there.

SENATOR KEYES: I won't put them in but I've got news for you. There is a lot of people in the courthouse who would sure like to get that thing thrown down the drain.

SENATOR LEWIS: Senator Keyes, you are entitled to six bills according to Senator Beutler next time so you can make that one of them if you would like.

SENATOR KEYES: It isn't my opinion that it should be done, but that is what the employees in the county would like.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Frank, can you explain the section of the other part on the counties, would allow them to contribute more, both county and the employees to contribute more?

SENATOR LEWIS: Well I will try to do that within my fifteen minutes. The County Officials Association said, hey, some of our boards and some of our employees would like to increase the system so we contribute more and make a better retirement for them. We said, fine, if you want to do that if the board agrees to it and if the employees agree to it, you can do it. If not, you don't do it. It is not mandated on the counties in any way. It has to be an agreement among both parties and Senator Mills asked for that and that is what it does.

SENATOR NEWELL: Is there a ceiling on how much more?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, four and a half percent max.

SENATOR NEWELL: Thank you.