

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, I move the E & R amendments to LB 228.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried. The E & R amendment's adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Retirement Committee had amendments found on 1417 that they wish to withdraw, and substitute an amendment by Senator Fowler, which is on page 851 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, the request is granted to withdraw the committee amendments. The Chair recognizes Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Okay, it is page 851 of the Journal. These amendments were requested by Ken Steinmiller of the State Retirement Office to clarify language in the bill to facilitate their operation. There are really three concepts in the amendment, and let me quickly explain those. The bill talks about verified service. Steinmiller says that it should be creditable. There is a difference between verified and creditable. He wants creditable. That is a service where, in fact, you are contributing towards the retirement plan. Verified is just any service and he thinks creditable is necessary for definitional purposes. The bill indicated that you had to retire 65. Some teachers taught longer than age 65. This indicates that if they did then it would be that later service would be counted, those extra years. Again, that was requested. The third is an amendment that, there are some people that as the bill is written now would receive a check, the difference between \$155 which is the amount we are establishing as payment and the current retirement can be as low as 38 cents, 40 cents, whatever. Steinmiller would indicate that in the case of a difference of less than \$5.00 that there be a minimum payment. He requested this for the ease of processing and not have to send out an extra check of a very very small amount. I reviewed the amendments and I see no problem with them. They are to make the bill more workable at the State Retirement Office where the amendments were requested from. I would move their adoption.

SPEAKER MARVEL Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: Surprise, Senator Fowler, it's me. Senator Fowler, what is the additional fiscal impact under these amendments, if any?