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I have never had any reason to doubt the honesty of either the city government or the police union. It is a difference of interpretation I think. What I am trying to do is not put an undue burden on the City of Omaha but to provide what we have always made clear in this Legislature, that those involved as first line defense in fire and safety, we would want them to provide the best quality service. I believe this is a helpful recruiting tool. I think it will enlist more and more people to enter into this very important service for the City of Omaha.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Lewis amendment to LB 283. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 5 nays on adoption of the Senator Lewis amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The amendment is adopted. Do you have another amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit now moves to amend the bill. (Read Schmit amendment as found on page 1735 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, this is the amendment that I spoke to earlier. It reads, "Contributions to fund the increased benefits in sections 2 and 3 shall be established by periodic actuarial valuations and borne by employees of the pension system." It is very self-explanatory. I move the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: You have about four minutes left on the bill. Senator Powers.

SENATOR POWERS: May I ask Senator Schmit a question? Does this freeze the management's responsibility from here on in for contributions to this fund?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It says very frankly that the cost of this part of the program shall be borne by the employees.

SENATOR POWERS: It doesn't freeze many of them from putting more money in the fund later on? Thank you very much, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank Senator Goodrich.