

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schmit, since you are on the floor, your amendment would say that the cost, any increased cost as a result of this bill would be borne totally by the employees?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right and that cost is estimated about 1% I believe.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be willing to put the word "totally" in your amendment?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think maybe that is what Senator Goodrich has in mind, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that it? And is it your understanding that with the adoption of your amendment and Senator Goodrich's that the city will no longer have objection to the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't know what Senator Goodrich's amendment is but visiting with him I understand that is true.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Goodrich, is that true?

SENATOR GOODRICH: I have not verified it yet with the city but that is my understanding of their position and I am protecting their position in that the police and firemen will be paying the total benefit of this particular legislation as it pertains to an increase in their benefits and that should eliminate any city's objection.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, I am going to cast what I would call a polygraph vote today which means aye and we are going to see if what we have been told about the city not objecting if the employees pay totally for it is correct or not.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Dworak. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: (Mike not turned on immediately)...of Senator Lewis, I guess. Senator Lewis, the bill says that it shall be 50% of his total compensation at the time of retirement. Now that doesn't qualify it whether it is total monthly compensation, total annual compensation or total life time compensation and I wonder if you could possibly modify your amendment...here I go turning something over to you and I am not sure of it because I voted for a teacher's pension that you handled one time and it is one of those times too.