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is involved in all of these programs. I think it is important, I think it is absolutely mandatory that we do so. If we do not do that, we are going to find ourselves in the position one of these days of having been very badly embarrassed because we have told people we have provided them with a retirement program and there has not been the necessary funding to provide it. I think the local subdivisions need to be apprised of where they are at, what it will take to bring those programs up to where they belong, and they should be done so within the next six months. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, Senator Schmit is usually very busy but I don't think he quite understands this comes from Lincoln. It is the only primary city. It only involves those individuals who for some reason have severed themselves from the department, and when they return, those individuals have to repay fully their investment plus the interest which has accrued in terms of again making it actuary sound so I don't think there is any danger on this particular bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit and I have talked about this. The problem is not one that Lincoln suffers under and presently the bill that is before you has really no problem whatsoever. It is going to be fully funded and everything has been agreed to, but what Senator Schmit is talking about is certainly a problem in other parts of this state where they do have a problem with unfunded liabilities and I think it is quite clear that we have seen through Senator Schmit's initiative that there is a problem that I hope will be addressed but, again, I think this bill is in good shape, has no problem and it is merely an opportunity to raise that issue that in the future we can deal with. So this bill has been agreed to. The city has agreed to it. The unions have agreed to it and it is going to be fully funded and so it is an example of a good retirement system and a good retirement bill.

SENATOR CLARK: The question is the advancement of LB 366 to E & R. All those in favor say aye, all opposed no. The bill is advanced. LB 146.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 146. There are E & R amendments pending.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kilgarin.