

SENATOR GOLL: And as a county operating out in the State of Nebraska, if this county did not want to become part of this, we have no choice?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, as of January 1, 1987.

SENATOR GOLL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: It appears that you may close, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify a couple of misstatements, I guess, on the floor, or at least to let you know what I think the record ought to reflect as the accurate situation. Senator Abboud said in committee he thought that the impression was they would sure like to just get the bill out and have a discussion. That is wrong. Look at the transcript, Senator Abboud. Read the transcript and find out that Jack Mills was absolutely, totally in support of this, as is the Nebraska Association of County Officials. They have talked about this, argued about this, discussed this at length and decided that, in the best interest of county government in this state, and the county employees in this state, this bill has to be passed. They came forward in strong support of the bill. The bill came out of committee with only one opposing vote and that was from Senator Abboud, himself. The bill has got strong support from those county officials. Now does each and every county in this state and each and every county board support this? I'm not sure. I don't know. I think there will be some opposition from individual counties, but they are working on that. But nevertheless the overall, overarching consensus among the County Officials Association is support for this bill. So don't make any mistake that, yes, we are mandating counties to be part of a retirement plan, but they are the ones who have recognized the need and come to us and said, yes, we want to be part of this plan. I also want to correct Senator Haberman who said this bill will cost \$150,000, or whatever. That is wrong. The fiscal note from the Public Employee Retirement Board said \$150,000 or something like that, they wanted a deputy director included in that fiscal note. We don't see any reason to have a deputy director added and funded through the county employees. That is taken out. The only cost is going to be about \$34,000 a year to administer the additional work of all these county