

advance LB 324.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Motion carries. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next bill for consideration is LB 350. It was offered by the Retirement Systems Committee, signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 17 of this year. It was referred to the Retirement Systems Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Retirement Committee amendments pending.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Harris on the committee amendments.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes, Mr. President, I think that the amendment is very important, so we better listen up at this point in regard to this bill. This has to do with a problem that developed as a result of a bill that was passed in 1984, a very important bill. It had to do with the retirement and retirement benefits, particularly in the teaching field. It was passed as LB 457 in 1984. Under LB 457 significant differences in retirement benefits can result upon, listen please, upon reretirement depending on a method used to compute the additional benefit earned. We are talking about reretirement where a teacher retired and then came back for three months to gain additional benefits, possibly. At the present time it is a bit of a problem and we are trying to clear that up with this amendment. The method of calculation incorporated in 350 allows credit for all years of service, not just those earned during the period of reemployment. In other words, it directs the PERB board not to consider just those three months that they came back to work, came out of retirement and then reretire, but to consider the situation that was in place before that time that they came on to the employment market again. Under the current situation if they retired and asked to come back the PERB board can give retirement benefits that may not have been previously earned during their employment. So reretired people may get benefits in excess of what the new legislation is designed to do. So it is a very important bill, it is a very important amendment. In particular July 1, 1985, is the effective date of this bill. They must, number one, notify the board, they must do...this is the PERB board, they must do it on a form that is specified, this is to make sure that the PERB board knows all about it