

so that they can consider it in the proper manner. Then there is a penalty for not stating their reemployment. It is double the amount paid after being regularly employed. So it has a penalty in it to the person who does not inform the PERB board about the true condition of their reemployment. Then when they rerehire it specifies that their original benefits shall be reinstated. In other words, they will earn, in their reemployment, new benefits according to the amount of time that they spend at the job or on the job. But from the previous benefits earned they will come back into place and remain the same. Again, to narrow the discussion, it simply says that a teacher cannot come back to work for three months and earn an entirely new set of benefits when he or she was actually earning the benefits from a previous period of time that are now in effect. So it is a very important amendment. It is a very important bill. Mr. President, I move the adoption of the committee amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vickers, you will be next. However, before you begin Senator Rupp would like us to welcome, and we do welcome to the Legislature, 11 fourth graders from Humphrey, Nebraska, who are in the north balcony with their teacher. Also Senator Carsten would like us to welcome to the Legislature six seniors from Murdock and their teacher in the north balcony. Would you raise your hands. Welcome to the Legislature. Senator Vickers, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I would urge the body to adopt the committee amendments as explained by Senator Harris. The bill is an important piece of legislation. We did make some significant changes in the retirement system for teachers I think last year or the year before. We then had some people go back who had previously retired, go back into the system, and wound up with an entirely new retirement benefit. I don't think that was the intent of the Legislature, but it also was not the intent of the Legislature to prohibit people from bettering their retirement if they had an opportunity to go back into the job market. What the bill does, in particular what the committee amendments do, is make it clear that when you go back into the job market, after retirement whether it be an early retirement or the regular retirement age, if you are able to go back into the job market that length of time you spend in reemployment will be counted based on the new