

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Please vote. Is there anybody else who cares to vote? We are about to record. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The committee amendments are adopted. Are there any further amendments on the bill, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have nothing further.

SENATOR BEUTLER: There are no lights on. Senator Harris, do you care to close on the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President, I think we have discussed the basics of the bill. I want you to understand that we are trying to clarify something that was done in 1984. It is a very important bill and I do want to expand just a little bit on what the bill does so everyone is fully aware of it. It creates a method of calculation of retirement benefits for members who retire, are reemployed, and subsequently retire again. Nebraska statutes are silent on the retirement benefit question at the present time so it does set up a new system of recalculation and this bill as amended clarifies how this situation shall be treated. In addition, LB 350 states how the reemployment benefit will be calculated in the case of an employee who retired the first time under the early retirement program with reduced benefits. Okay, they might have retired with reduced benefits because they took early retirement. If this early retiree, for example, at age 60 is reemployed and subsequently reretires after five years at age 65, no reduction for early retirement will be made to the additional benefit earned during the reemployment period. It is a significant bill. It is something that we should do to clarify the previous legislation. Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the bill, LB 350. I move the bill.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the motion is the advancement of LB 350. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Voting aye.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler voting yes.