

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, sir.

SENATOR LYNCH: Okay. I would rise to support the legislation. I think it's very important. I think we all should remember that county governments themselves are a creature of the Legislature. We can do no more and no less than what the law allows us to do and what the Legislature allows us to do. In a sense we're the mothers and fathers of county government. It's our business, I think, to make sure a system of county government exists that makes sense. Everybody is going to get sick. Everybody, hopefully, will grow old enough that they can retire. The excuse may be used that by passing this legislation we will give an excuse to those county board members who up to this point in time have not had the courage I think or the good sense to take advantage of a retirement plan that's available for the county employees. I think it is so basic. The county system itself is basic. It's not like any other normal commercial business at all. It is here to stay and those people that come to work for that system should have the right to be able to retire with some dignity and I think it's up to us to see that that happens. Over two-thirds of the people that now work for counties in the state are, in fact, taking advantage of, with the cooperation of their county boards, a retirement system. I think this offers a unique opportunity for us to indicate that we think that's important for everyone including those people who are county employees. So I would encourage this Legislature not to give in to weak excuses to fulfill I think our responsibility to everybody in the state and to those employees of county government as well who should have the chance to retire like everyone else. And I would encourage your support for this legislation.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, I hear you have something on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion from Senator Haberman. Senator Haberman would move to indefinitely postpone LB 432.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, on February 16, 1985, this body saw fit to IPP this bill. It's