

not a better bill now than it was then. Sure, I'll say that possibly, and I'll say county employees are entitled to a retirement plan, but two-thirds of the county boards put it in themselves. They did it themselves. Senator Wesely is carrying the bill. Lancaster County already has one. It's no skin off of his nose if we pass this bill. But if two-thirds of the county boards said we shall have one and put it in, what are we doing here mandating the other third shall do it also? I think that's wrong. If two-thirds can do it, let the other third do it. The people are sick and tired of "mandation" that the county shall do this, the county shall do that and it's a bad bill. Let them make the decision. I've been trying to get ahold of the list of how much it would cost each county because it goes up 5 percent, 4.8 percent is how much more it is going to cost each county if we pass this bill. So you take the total salaries of all of the county employees times 4.8 percent and you tell me that isn't going to cause a tax increase or increase in the mill levy of a county? Sure it will. And do you know what is going to happen when the people become unglued? They are going to say, those guys down at Lincoln, they passed the bill. Senator Lynch is from Omaha. They already have it so it doesn't bother him any. How did they get it? They voted it in. How did Lincoln get it? They voted it in. And I don't think this body should mandate this additional cost to the counties if for no other reason we don't even know how much it is going to cost those counties because we can't find out. So, therefore, let's do the same thing we did in February and let's IPP the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, then Senator Abboud, then Senator Lynch.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, first off, Senator Haberman we did not kill the bill in February. It was a motion to advance. It had 20 votes for, 21 votes against and if you remember, we brought the bill up and Jack Mills, the county officials, hadn't had a chance to get ahold of everybody to tell them they supported the bill. There was a lot of confusion and so as a result a number of people voted against or didn't vote that now I think realize the bill is supported by the County Officials Association so we did not kill the bill. We just did not have the votes at that time to advance it and that was a result of confusion. Hopefully, all of you have had a chance to talk to your county people and the county officials and now know they