

support the bill or at least many of them do. I understand Senator Haberman is representing his district, all of which I think their counties do not have a retirement plan. Well, it's been 20 years since we established a county retirement plan, 20 years, 1965. We made it optional thinking in time they'll all adjust and move into the plan. Now 20 years later a third of those counties have, but the other two-thirds have not and I grant you another 20 years will pass before the rest of those counties ever even consider the opportunity of going into the county retirement plan. It just isn't happening and it isn't happening for a lot of different reasons, but I think we ought not to allow this to continue. It's the only system that we have that we allow for that option. All the other plans are mandated. It is not an unusual thing to do for this Legislature. As Senator Lynch said, we are the overseer of a number of these subdivisions of government, schools, counties, what have you, and in the school system we mandate that they go under a retirement plan, and they are all under a plan, all nine hundred some school districts, and they're all under it and I don't think any of them want out of it because together under the retirement plan they have the ability to provide for retirement for their teachers. Now why shouldn't the counties be under a retirement plan as well? It makes sense. It's the right thing to do. I want to thank Senator Lynch who is an expert in county affairs. Dan is a former National President of the County Officials Association. He knows county government and I appreciate his support for this bill. He knows it's the right thing to do. The county officials know it's the right thing to do. Please reject the Haberman kill motion. Let's advance the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I rise in support of Senator Haberman's kill motion. I serve on the Retirement Committee. I listened to debate both in committee and on the floor the first round on LB 432. I do feel it's one of the major changes in the retirement system that we have before us this year and it's probably one of the major bills philosophically before the entire body this year. Because what this bill does is that it mandates that all counties shall be a part of the retirement system. Back in 1965 we established the County Retirement Systems and we left it optional for the different counties. We said you can have the local control. You can decide what is best for