

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, then Senator Marsh.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, very seldom rise and oppose any of Senator Haberman's motions, but I have to do this today on behalf of the people out there that are working in some of the counties and possibly giving 25 to 30 years of their lives working for the county and not be rewarded in any way. And as Senator Sieck said and Senator Lynch, these people that start with the county will put in hours and many years of their lives working very hard and I can't believe that there are some government employees in the State of Nebraska that don't come under a retirement system. I would be standing here working just as hard if it was Douglas County because I think that anybody that works for the federal government, the state government, county or city should be rewarded especially if they're there 25, 30 years and are good hard working employees and when they reach the age of 65 or 60 or whenever they do retire they are going to have to continue paying their real estate taxes. They're going to have to have more money for medication and hospitalization and believe me, I know, your Medicare does not pay all of your medical bills and even if you have a supplemental insurance policy your medication can run anywhere from \$100 to \$150 and sometimes \$200. It's nothing today to go have a prescription filled and have it reach 70 to 75 dollars. So a pension, when you're over 65 and you get Social Security, and I'm sure that out in the counties as they are in Douglas County, those people aren't highly paid, the pensions will be small, but at least it will help them buy medication, pay their taxes and possibly go fishing once in a while and take a little trip. It just doesn't seem possible that we would mandate the cities, like Omaha and Lancaster County, and the teachers and federal government should have a pension and that we have few counties in the State of Nebraska where we disallow it. I think it's atrocious. I think we should reward these people for their many, many years of service. I urge you to reject the kill motion and advance LB 432.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Marsh, then Senator Haberman.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I am highly opposed to the kill motion. I am strongly in support of the concept of LB 432. Senator Don Wesely has had handed to us an excellent statement on the reasons each