

Southwest County Officials Association meetings, but what have they done? They've tied the sheriffs in with the rest of the county officials, so we've got two for one now. Where one tried, we're going to make it a package. Now, as I say, I was wrong when it didn't advance. We didn't kill it, it just didn't advance. Now nobody has talked about it costing the state \$152,000 in two years to implement this. Nobody has even brought that up. Now in Chase County alone it's going to cost \$30,000 the first year. Every year we increase or we try to increase the retirement system, which is okay, that's fine. But we're going to mandate that Chase County finds an extra 30,000 bucks if we pass this bill. Now again, I'm in favor of retirement. They should have it, but let the county boards decide. They may do it now if they want to, Senator Marsh. You say 20 years they flubbed it. In 20 years they've had the local control to say, no, we don't want it. Now that is not flubbing anything, Senator Marsh, that's leaving it up to those people as to what they'd like to do. So serving on a county board, I know what it is like and I know what it's like from the people in the county when they feel about these things. We should not, and I repeat, we should not be mandating that the counties have to do this. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, then Senator Abboud.

SENATOR LUNDY: Thank you, Mr. President. I would rise to oppose the motion of Senator Haberman's to indefinitely postpone LB 432. I think it's probably necessary for state government at times or certain things to mandate. I'm not sure it's always prudent to mandate everything that comes up, but I think there are times when it's necessary, this being one of those. If Senator Haberman would review some of the work that's been done by the Legislature in the past relative to pension plans for city governments, he would find that in the latter 1960s that the state government and its legislative body mandated a police pension law and a firemen's pension law for cities of the first class. This was mandated by the State Legislature and immediately the city for which I worked became unfunded to the tune of \$300,000 for a pension plan in their police department for their police officers only. Now this does not do that, Senator Haberman. This picks up the tab itself. The employees and the employers are picking up the tab to run this pension plan for the county officials. I would suggest to you that it has been mandated in the past by the