

some kind of an incentive that would give the option to Sarpy County to keep, if they must, those deputy sheriffs they feel they are losing.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, I rise a second time to speak on this just to respond to some of the criticism I have heard. First of all, Senator Abboud, I am not really sure if he heard me answer to my questions. This is not, I repeat, this is not the deputy sheriffs retirement bill as introduced into the Retirement Committee. This bill does not establish a statewide deputy sheriffs retirement program, Senator Abboud. It applies to only one county. This is a recognition frankly on my part of the fact that, and, Senator Lundy, I would appreciate if you would listen also, that we are not going to open the floodgates. We are not going to pass a statewide deputy sheriffs retirement program. That bill is buried in committee at this point. If LB 432 passes in its current form, it will end most of the support from outstate for a separate deputy sheriffs retirement program. What we are attempting to do is deal with only one small part of the overall deputy sheriffs retirement question and that is the problem we have in Sarpy County, and I guess I would like to address that.

(Recorder malfunctioned between Tape C and D. Tape D starts with Senator Lundy speaking.)

SENATOR LUNDY: ...of governmental workers a better fringe benefit than another branch, you are asking for problems. I have been down that road and I know what I am saying. It can cause some problems. That is what worries me about the future, not today, and not Sarpy County. Sarpy County needs it and wants it and thinks that there is no other way to do it, then that is one thing. I think there is another way to do it, Ron, and I will be glad to visit with you about it. There is programs now that are available to cities and counties in our state that authorized...have been authorized by this body to have a deferred payment plan. It can be handled in another method, but I want to point out to the body that this could cause problems down the road. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud, then Senator Beyer, then Senator Higgins.