

Senator Landis's amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is adopted. Before we continue, may I introduce a guest of Senator Hoagland under the south balcony. He is Barry Greenberg, a student from New York City going to UN-L and he is learning more about the Legislature under the guidance of Senator Hoagland. Would you please welcome Barry Greenberg. Thank you. Senator Landis, would you like to explain your bill now.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I just want to simply reiterate the factual pattern that brings this bill about. You can have a part-time teacher that's worked three-quarter time and they have had that same 4.8 percent rate of compensation taken out as a contribution for retirement that everyone else has. That percentage is set in statute and that's what comes out of their paycheck and it comes out, 4.8 percent, not of half of their time, but all of their time and yet when that year comes to be recognized for retirement it counts as a half-time year. Well, there is...a system of retirement has two or three different components. One of them is the amount of money, the compensation. Another one is the amount of time or the year that's involved and what this bill does is to raise to the appropriate amount the compensation figure that's taken into account for retirement and by raising it to reflect the three-quarter time you're going to give your part-time teacher adequate recognition of their amount of contribution to the system and I would move for the advancement of 546.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Landis, I support your bill, but I have a question. We do have a fiscal note and from looking through the file this thing started back in January 31 of '85 and states that, words to the effect that they couldn't find out in such short a time or something, to find out what the fiscal impact would be and I'm just wondering if we are...should go ahead with this or do you have any idea or can we get an idea what this is going to cost the local school districts?

SENATOR LANDIS: I can do my best to give you an answer here, Senator Haberman, because I don't have a dollar figure for you. I could tell you that a couple of public school systems who use part-time teachers have reviewed the bill