

figure on it. If you'll accept that, yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well, I would have no choice but to accept it, but I want to be doggone sure that a significant fiscal impact, we don't wake up a year from now and just have us cost three or four or five million bucks, Senator Harris. That's where I'm coming from, so if you could get us a reasonable estimate it would be dearly appreciated. I don't know about anybody else on the floor of this Legislature, but it would be by me, so if you'll do that I'll appreciate it and I'll vote to advance it and we'll see what happens on Select File. Is that okay?

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator Johnson would move by adding the following new section: Section 6, strike Sections 4 and 6 and subsection 2 of Section 7 of LB 325.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'm offering an amendment which is somewhat arcane in nature. Let me see if I can explain it. One thing this bill does is it allows a state employee, as I read it, to retire early. This bill would allow a state employee to retire at age 55. Currently a state employee may retire at age 60. This bill would lower the retirement age from 60 to 55. However, such a state employee could not retire at age 55 until that employee had first worked for the state four or five years. The bill, the bill provides that the five-year requirement itself could be waived. The committee amendment took away the waiver. The committee amendment which Senator Harris is asking us to adopt takes away the waiver. So the committee amendment says we think it's all right for a state employee to be able to retire early at age 55 provided, however, that state employee has five years of state service. What my amendment does is my amendment would strike the language that would allow a state employee to retire at age 55. My amendment simply says, I want to leave alone the current provision of the law which says that a state employee with five years service can retire, but he could retire or she could retire only at