

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: 325 deals only with part-time employees.

SENATOR HARRIS: No.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Wrong?

SENATOR HARRIS: Wrong. Full time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Okay. I'll wait till Select File, after I have studied the bill to vote on it.

SENATOR HARRIS: All right.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Abboud and then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I think in the future when I bring in legislation I'm going to try to pattern it after the bills that go through the Retirement Committee because there just aren't any fiscal impacts on any of these bills according to the figures that we see through the committee. Senator Haberman has raised some very good points in dealing with this bill as with other bills that go through the committee. I had trouble supporting LB 325 in the committee during the interim. I did study a number of the different retirement bills that came through our Retirement Committee and I was planning on supporting LB 325. I didn't feel that the impact was all that large. It in no way changed the early retirement with full benefits as...and that's always been a concern of the committee. We've had a number of bills dealing with early retirement with full benefits in the committee dealing with university professors, state employees, public teachers, you name it, we've had it. And up to this point the committee has always chosen a path that has been spearheaded by Senator Wesely in choosing not to go with the full benefits for early retirement. Now the amendment that Senator Johnson is offering really doesn't make a whole heck of a lot of difference whether it's in there or not, as far as I am concerned. It's really a peripheral issue, if we're going to be, as I think we are later, we're going to be talking about early retirement with full benefits. There