

systems for other public employees who may not be working for the state, but in fact, working for counties. Their retirement system now allows them to retire at a lower age. So, to say, no, we want to leave it at a certain age because we want things in conformity, perhaps we'd ought to start looking at the total picture and saying, well, this is part of that picture. I urge you to reject the Johnson amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Chairman and members, I'm sorry I wasn't at my machine.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You're forgiven.

SENATOR LYNCH: As I listen to the conversation it's obvious as this can be and can be turned into, very quickly made a very complicated issue. I know that there is a concern as Vard points out, Senator Johnson, about uniformity but someone correct me if I'm wrong, however, uniformity really does not exist in the state at the present time, as we all know that the state patrol officers, highway patrol, can retire at 55 and there is a full range of who else should retire and at what time. I just wanted to mention one thing and that was the five year confusion that seems to exist. Five years, ten years, notwithstanding, it makes no difference. If you haven't paid in, you don't take anything out. That was my only comment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I also oppose Senator Johnson's amendment. I think it's a reasonable thing to allow this reduction down to 55 and have it actuarially reduced. It's not increasing the cost to the State of Nebraska and I do not support the amendment and I urge you to reject Senator Johnson's amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Abboud. Okay. Thank you, that won't be necessary. That was the last speaker. Senator Vard Johnson, would you like to close, please?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I do not know if the small amendment I am offering to the committee amendment is a big deal or a little deal or what