

the employees or employer. And then I also refer, Senator Morehead, to a fiscal note dated February 8, 1985, on LB 276 and this fiscal note says, by assuming 2 percent, which would mean 300 of state government's work force of 15,000 which excludes higher education employees. Assuming that 300 retire each year and assuming each of those employees have twice the average employee's claims, the extra health insurance claims would be \$750,000 under these assumptions. The 300 retirees would pay an average \$1,250 per year for health insurance. Therefore, 715 claims minus the premium would leave \$375,000 to be picked up by either the employees or the employer. Now my question, Senator Morehead, is this, and I'm not in any way attacking your bill, but I have a question. Is it conceivable that with the inclusion of these people who are retirees, is it conceivable then that the premiums being paid by the rest of us could go up? Somebody has to make up that other half and so that's my question. I understand the premiums are paid in full, they are paying another 10 percent and all that, but there still is that loss ratio in there. Now what happens?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: I was not sure you'd ever get to the question part after all that editorializing. All right, answer your question. First of all, teachers have this option right now in their policy and they have found that the umbrella cost has not escalated. It has not been abused and I know your concerns. My concerns were there also, but on a past record in the State of Nebraska this has not happened to the umbrella policy as effected by this group. Notice again the rule of, in this case, 85. You're talking about people with 30 years of service probably, plus their age, so you're not going to have a lot of people qualify for this to begin with. And I think that you're looking at one fiscal note and I don't believe this amendment impacts that particular fiscal note.

SENATOR GOLL: Okay, thank you, Senator Morehead.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: You're wondering if you got an answer?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Were you through, Senator Goll? Okay. Senator Wesely, please, then Senator Morehead.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Senator Goll stole my thunder because I was going to point out in response to Senator Labedz's questions, that in fact a 10 percent overcharge is