

have no objection to this amendment. I thought this was another one.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support the Wesely amendment. I have been passing out some material on behalf of the Retirement Systems Committee to explain many issues that are controversial, that are very delicate and are, by the way, issues that we need to deal with in this session of the Legislature. There have been some decisions made by the court and by the PERB board that we need to address as a body in order to give them direction. This particular amendment does not happen to be one of those issues that we need to really worry about. This one is the option as Senator Wesely said, for folks to delay the receipt of that retirement income. There is no cost to us and it's very unusual situation that would have this come forward. So I would urge the adoption of this amendment, but pay attention to the rest of them because they are all very, very important and could be involving a lot of money and affecting thousands of lives. Thank you.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Hartnett, on the Wesely amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, Senator Wesely, can you answer some questions for me. Is this a normal practice? Do other...you're asking them to opt out after what, 60? What's your amendment do?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, no, no, no. This amendment, all it says, Senator Hartnett, is upon retirement when a state employee retires, if for some reason they don't want to start getting the annuity right away, they say, I'd like to be able to delay it for a year or two or three...

SENATOR HARTNETT: At 65?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I mean, whenever they retire. It delays them getting their money back. I don't know why they would want to do that, but some people do want to do that on occasion.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Or like Senator Goodrich said, if they