

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 899 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is adopted. Do you have anything else on it? We're back to the Wesely amendment. Anything further on the Wesely amendment? Senator Wesely, your amendment.

SENATOR WESELY: I guess this will...I don't know if it will be closing. I can't withdraw it. I don't like the form it is in, but let me tell you what I'm going to do at this point. I think...you know obviously a lot of you agree that the 3 percent went too far, and many of you voted against it. I wish more had and about three more, frankly, we would have been much better shape. But what Senator Pappas is proposing is better than what is now in the bill. So under the circumstances, considering it is an improvement, I'm going to go ahead and vote for the amendment. I would ask this though, I still feel it is a mistake, it is still very costly, and once the amendment is adopted, which I'm sure it will, I'm planning to vote against the advancement. But that will be another day. What I am saying is I think this is an amendment that is better than what is in the bill, so I'm going to support it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have some lights on that were on before, and I'll call them in order that they have been here. Senator Lundy. Senator Vard Johnson. All right.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the question always arises as to what one should do, what should one do when one carries an amendment, as Senator Wesely did, which essentially sets the right path and that amendment is amended to set the wrong path. Senator Wesely said, well, because the wrong path is better than the incredibly wrong path currently contained in LB 325, he will vote for it. I'm going to tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going to vote against the Wesely amendment, and I'm going to encourage each of you to vote against the Wesely amendment because the amendment as amended by Senator Pappas contains the wrong direction. It takes us the wrong way on early retirement and the funding thereof. If you disbelieve me, you come over and look at the figures, you come look at the figures if you disbelieve me. I'm not going to go through the figures again. But some time the people outside the glass have got to sit down