

110, 115, or 120 percent, which is again put in by the property taxpayer. I just wanted the body to know that is my reservations right now.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, we have an amendment to the Wesely amendment?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend his own amendment. (Wesely amendment to his amendment appears on page 944 of the Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members, I've passed out for you a chart that I'd like you to take a look at if you have a moment. This chart will show you, once again it's a little different than the other chart I passed out, the situation in terms of the early retirement benefit. Now I'm going to be brief. I know we've only got half an hour. I'm not going to try and drag down the bill. But I would like to offer, as a suggestion, a way that we could maybe compromise a bit on this. We have before us an amended version of my amendment. I had proposed that we follow the social security line, which would go 93, 87, 80, down, and then also down to 61 and 60, follow that line and follow that reduction. That was rejected, evidently, by you on a vote of 27 to 17, or something like that. I still feel comfortable with that as a reasonable reduction. But evidently that is not what people feel. A compromise that was offered by Senator Johnson and I to the school boards and school teachers was a proposal which is now before you. That would have us go with a 5-5-5-10-10 reduction. That, if you look at the chart, will show you basically splits the difference between the social security reduction and the 3 percent reduction which is now currently being considered under this amendment that Senator Pappas achieved to my amendment. I'm trying to look for middle ground. I do not particularly like early retirement. I always felt it was a mistake in a lot of ways. I've already expressed that. I've been consistent on that point. I don't think I've wavered very much on it. But at this point it appears as though most of you feel the need to do something in terms of early retirement for teachers. So I am suggesting the most reasonable approach possible, in my estimation, despite the fact that I personally have a strong conviction that it is probably not a good idea at all. Now if you look at the