

kind of costs are involved for the taxpayers that are left to pick up the tab.

PRESIDENT: About two minutes left of Senator Lundy's time, if Senator Nelson, do you wish to...

SENATOR NELSON: Senator Lundy, I, too, can't tell you how many. However, I might tell you particularly on the ESU units, some of those people were asked to leave the teacher's system and to join the ESUs and in essence they were somewhat pushed out and never back in the system. And then might I also tell you that through the years 1945-68 the teachers only put in 1 1/2 percent and the school districts contribution was none and then starting in '68 down to 1984 the employees contribution was 3 1/2 percent and the school districts went all the way from 20 to 55, 58, 41, 100 percent. You also must remember there are some teachers that probably can't afford to buy back into the system. It's no small amount of money to some of them. It's just, you know, no one can tell you how many that could take advantage of this and many of those that could take advantage of this or were out of the system will not qualify for the early retirement on 325 because they simply won't have enough years in the system.

PRESIDENT: One minute of senator's time.

SENATOR LUNDY: I understand. Now, Senator Vickers, did I understand you to indicate that there is maximum of a 10 year buy back?

SENATOR VICKERS: I'm sorry, Senator Lundy...

SENATOR LUNDY: Senator Vickers, I asked whether or not, did I understand you to say that the maximum buy back is 10 years?

SENATOR VICKERS: I think that is correct.

SENATOR LUNDY: Thank you.

SENATOR VICKERS: I think that is correct. I might also add that in most cases they probably wouldn't buy back that much because the teacher themselves couldn't afford it.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Vickers amendment? Senator Nelson, I recognize you on your own time.

SENATOR NELSON: I would have to maybe look again and I don't