

SPEAKER: You mean they intend to increase the intensity of the lighting in the chamber for tomorrow?

SENATOR MARESH: Right.

SPEAKER: I suppose the Chair doesn't dare observe we better bring our green eye shades. Do we have other bills for introduction on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I move for the introduction of the attached bill, signed Senator Whitney (read bill).

SPEAKER: Chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. The statements of intent have been placed on your desk this morning. I would like you to read it. This bill was requested by the Public Employees Retirement Board of the State of Nebraska in order to promote uniformity among the different retirement systems. The significant change is to provide a disability retirement benefit to members of the State Employees Retirement System. These disability benefits already exist in the Judges, the State Patrol and the School Employees Retirement Systems. The bill also provides for full vesting for employees in case of death. It will also provide that retiring employees whose retirement benefit is less than \$25 per month may receive a lump sum benefit equal to his retirement value in place of an annuity. This eliminates the statutory provision for receiving a lump sum settlement of \$2,000 or less. I move that this bill be introduced.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the motion? Senator Lewis, did you wish to be recognized? Any further discussion of the motion? Question is then, shall the bill be introduced. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. I suppose the Chair should respectfully remind the body that it takes 30 votes to introduce the bill. Have you all voted. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, no nays for the motion introduced.

SPEAKER: The bill is introduced. Does the Clerk want to read the title?

CLERK: Title read. That's all Mr. President. Mr. President, I have a request, a unanimous consent request to have a letter from Governor Exon to Senator Stahmer inserted in the Journal.

SPEAKER: It is so ordered. Are there, excuse me, are there any objections? Hearing none it is so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, there is a request from Senator Carpenter to have a statement of intent read and then the statement of intent and the amendment to L.B. 396 inserted in the Journal. The statement of intent is as follows: (read) That will be inserted in the Journal.

SPEAKER: It is so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, notice of committee hearing.

SPEAKER: Read the notices. Just a second. Senator Carpenter, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I would like to have the intent published in the Journal and the amendment which I propose to attach to another bill, the name on the amendment, fact it's in the Journal. This has to do with a highly important question of how far is this State going to go in loans to students to go to the schools of higher education? There are many people who feel that interest is more important than education. I don't agree with them and this bill would attempt to correct that situation, I hope, between now and the time the bill comes for amendment, if the members will read the Journal and understand the intent of the amendment.