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from what the original bill was. The bill said that they would have to quit effective when this bill went in this year.

SENATOR NORE: Oh, I see.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Ya, I am extending it to 1974. I am not working against them.

SPEAKER: Senator Barnett:

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I have a question I think Senator Carpenter or Senator Mahoney can probably answer, either one that's been on the hiring part of this Legislative Council. Senator Whitney brought up a point and I think it needs clarification. Either, ..Senator Mahoney, would you... I think you have been on the Legislative Council.

SENATOR MAHONEY: I'll try.

SENATOR BARNETT: Do you find that to get employees, part time, it would be difficult to get somebody that has not retired or has not reached a certain age? Would you find it difficult to get part time employees for this body with an age restriction?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, Senator. One of the...and I will answer this fairly that because of the salary for this particular type of duty is so low that this is just a little type of duty that we are able to entice people to come down and work for a short period of time. So, what we are saying that it would give us time till 1974 to be able to do some adjusting in the way of salaries and so forth, so that we will be able to maybe encourage some other people to take these type of positions. So, there is a problem in getting people because of the low salary and the short period of time to work.

SENATOR BARNETT: If we find out then that we cannot or the Legislative Council finds out that they cannot get enough employees, then they could probably extend it beyond that 72 in the event of an emergency, couldn't they.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Yes, you can and that's why we wanted to give this adequate time. And that's why I think, Senator Nore, I am sorry I didn't have that explained too well to you that the bill was rigid in the fact that it was saying that 90 days after this Legislature went out of session that these people could not come back for the next session and this way we are going to give them until next July 1, 1974. So, it will give us time to breathe and see what we are going to be able to do about hiring other people.

SPEAKER: Is there further discussion of the Whitney amendment? If not, Senator Whitney, would you care to close?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I feel that this is a very important amendment and the Retirement Committee put this on the bill before putting it out in the form of an amendment and I can assure you had it not been put on by the Retirement Committee that this bill would never have reached this floor and so, I definitely feel that we should not tie our hands in this case. These people are primarily part time employees and some of the tasks are very menial and some of these people, I think, should have the job. Now, as far as I am concerned, we can kill the whole bill. LB 55, I'd just as soon see go down the drain if this amendment is not put on. In fact, I'd just as soon see it there anyway. So, I move this amendment.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney has closed. He can be asked