

aye, those opposed vote no. Committee amendments are adopted.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now I move the bill LB789 be advanced to E & R Initial. The bill...it will correct the wording in the statutes enacted by LB516 of the 1973 legislature which established uniform fringe benefits package for state employees. It permits benefits to employees already included in the insurance package such as accidental dismemberment benefits. It makes term life insurance mandatory and separates the life and health insurance coverage. This bill will clarify certain sections in the statutes and it will delete obsolete material and make the law easier to administer. I move that the bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Any more discussion on LB789? If not the question is Senator Warner did you want to talk on the bill?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Just a question of Senator Whitney. Why would you want to make term life insurance mandatory? As opposed to some other option?

SENATOR WHITNEY: As I understand it the state will pay for this mandatory life insurance, in other words we want to have it on all employees who work part-time based upon the number of hours that they work. If they only work half-time then we give half as much term life insurance to them as we give to the full time workers.

PRESIDENT: Any other discussion on LB789? If not the question is shall LB789 be advanced from General File to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LB789 has been advanced to E & R Initial. Next bill up for consideration is LB1001. This is also a retirement committee bill. Senator Whitney, do you want to handle the bill.

CLERK: Read LB1001.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President I move that LB1001 be advanced to E & R Initial. This is another retirement bill, and the director of the department of personnel desired this, if you would redefine permanent and temporary state employees for the purpose of granting paid holidays. It defines persons eligible for paid holidays as permanent employees. They made those that work in a regular full time or part time position on an on going basis. By on-going basis I mean that you don't see an end to their work. It is not a specific task, it is they are continued to be employees. The bill prohibits the granting of paid holidays to temporary employees who work for a limited period of time to accomplish a specific task. Saturday mornings are excluded as regular work days except in case of an emergency or when ordered or deemed essential by the Governor I move that the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Any other discussion on 1001? Senator Simpson.