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First one liberalizes the definition of disability for the first three years of disability. It defines disability as the complete inability to perform duties as a Patrolman. Presently the law uses this same definition, just the first three years of disablement. Now except after three years, complete inability presently applies only if the Patrolman is unable to perform the duties of any occupation. There has never been a disability claim under the State Patrol Retirement System. And so the Fiscal Impact would likely be negligible, even though we liberalized this particular disability clause. Now the other amendment would permit retirement at age 55, which presently is 60, but it permitted it at 55 if separated from the Patrol, and then if it's reduced depending on the number of years of service. Partial lasting rights start the sixth year of employment instead of at 10. Full lasting is completed the tenth year instead of the twentieth. Fiscal Impact as amended, would be negligible. I move the amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Any other discussion on the committee amendments. If not, all those in favor signify by saying aye. Contrary no. The committee amendments have been adopted.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Now I move the bill be advanced to E & R Initial. It relates to the State Patrol Retirement System. It gives a widow of a patrolman 50% of such patrolman's retirement annuity for the remainder of her life instead of just for twenty years. After the earlier of the two dates, either retirement or death. This makes the law more nearly compliance with private pension plans. And I have already explained the amendments, so I move the bill be advanced.

PRESIDENT: Any more discussion on LB1004. If not, the question is, shall LB1004 be advanced from General File to E & R initial. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no.

CLERK: Senator Epke voting aye.

PRESIDENT: Clerk will record. LB1004 has been advanced from General File to E & R Initial. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I'd like a second for a point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A lot of times I get calls from people, which maybe some of the others of you do not get. But I got a call from a woman who is at the University this morning. And an individual man, who I guess thought it was very funny, ran through the administration building naked. And ran to the area where people eat. Now, it might be funny to some people, but it is offensive to others, and if this is the kind of thing that continues on the outdoors, I can't say what the Lincoln Police Department will or should do, about it. If this is the way these children want to conduct themselves, it's all well and good. But in business places where students must go to transact