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together with Senator Schmit and we drafted the proposed amendment that he had to fit within the framework. Now there may be some work that should be done on it. We had hoped that we would study this over the interim but they have no retirement system that they can implement during...in all of the NRD districts.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you. You mean they are in the same category as the state Senators who do not have a retirement plan?

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Yes, that is right. I think...there has been...if I might say a few words here, Mr. President, I believe there has been an effort made to come close to conformity to the uniform system and I would support this amendment.

SPEAKER: All right. Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Can I ask my question now on the previous amendment, Mr. President?

SPEAKER: Stick as close to this one as you can but...very little.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Well, Senator Schmit, do you have any details concerning the cost of...employee contribution as well as fifty percent of the benefits, fifty percent of what? Does anybody know?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Dickinson, this is a standard contributing factor for retirement programs, and insofar as the cost is concerned, I do not know what it would be but it would be applicable to other retirement systems that we have for subdivisions of government. That is all I can answer there.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Since this is a separate entity of government, does it necessitate state legislation for Natural Resource Districts to implement a retirement plan. They are their own boss, as we well found out in some instances. Why do we have to get into this?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will let someone else answer that who is on the Retirement Committee.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Please turn Senator Hasebroock on. Please turn Senator Hasebroock on. We can't hear.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Senator Dickinson, this is enabling legislation. This would enable the NRD districts to enact within their own districts a retirement system and it says that they shall...you were talking about the benefits. In many places in the state employees retirement system, I think, the employees pay up to 3 1/2%, some of them 4 1/2%, depending upon what type of retirement system it is and the other half is paid for by the employer.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Are you saying, then, that they must have enabling legislation, that they cannot now have...

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: That's right, they must have...