

SENATOR DWORAK: You say that if somebody now elected not to come into the plan, is there any way they can get into the plan at a later date?

SENATOR GOODRICH: Only if we open up the statutes like this particular bill does and this is about the second time we have done this.

SENATOR DWORAK: So then if we don't open up the statutes, we don't have that problem of just the older people coming in?

SPEAKER LUEDKTE: One minute, Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: You made a point in your arguments, Senator Goodrich, that if we don't have this law, only the older people will come in but they won't come in if we don't open up the statute, right?

SENATOR GOODRICH: They will if they go to work after July 1, 1978, then they will have to participate.

SENATOR DWORAK: Is the plan in trouble because of lack of participation now?

SENATOR GOODRICH: No, these people asked, came and asked for us to open up the statute to let them come in.

SENATOR DWORAK: I oppose this plan. The arguments that we have given that it puts it on a strong solid actuarial basis, the plan isn't hurting right now, so apparently the voluntary participation hasn't weakened the plan. I still do not like the idea that we force a person to put 4., whatever, percent of his income into a particular plan if he desires not to. I don't like the idea of forcing tax dollars down these people's throat whether they want it or not. I think the system as it works right now is good and voluntary and it should be kept and I strongly oppose LB 349.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the body, I would just like to respond to the effect that this just gives...we are responding to the call from these people, please open up the statute, let us come in. That is what we are doing. I move we advance the bill.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Keyes. Just a moment, Senator Keyes has his light on.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my good friend, Senator Goodrich, a question, if he will answer it. Senator Goodrich, am I right then in assuming that this is going to be the matrons on the school grounds, the janitor. It is going to be the bus driver. Could possibly be the school board members. It could be anyone that happens to work for the school for a period of a year, whether they are full time, part time or just some of the time.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Everyone you named except school board. School board is not included.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, the bookkeeper....

SENATOR GOODRICH: Everyone else is.