

information. The cost of this, like Senator Haberman said, would come from Cash Funds. It also would be looking at people working it into their work schedule. Although it would be paid for, it would not be that much of a direct expense and I would encourage the passage of this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. I'll now recognize Senator Moore, followed by Senator Haberman. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President, I rise to support the A bill. I think there was a variety of discussion Senator Robinson and myself and others had about a policy issue in the bill itself of whether or not the state should pay the day off for these people to go to this seminar but the A bill has nothing to do with that. It is strictly the Cash Funds that allow the Public Employees Retirement Systems to hire a person to run the seminars and so, I mean, if you're concerned on the policy issue on paying someone to stay off to attend this, don't confuse it with the A bill. The A bill has nothing to do with that, that is strictly to hire a person. So I rise to support the A bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. I now recognize Senator Bernard-Stevens followed by Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. members of the body, I, too, am not necessarily in favor, in fact, I'm not going to be supporting LB 254 as it continues to advance, but I am supportive of the A bill simply because if the body has decided to move a bill along, we should at least move the funding along at the same time. However, I do want to make just a point I can't resist. I find it fascinating that the body is going to be able to allow state employees to take a paid day off to go to a retirement seminar which they could actually get the money by calling certain numbers that are provided each person for representatives and other people who can give them the information but if we get to a parental leave, then all of a sudden the body gets, wait a minute, we can't set this policy by allowing days off with pay because that's just not a good policy. So we're willing to do it for a retirement seminar but we're not willing to do it for any type of policy of parental leave and I find that just to be an interesting contradiction. Thank you.