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citizens legislature, and I don't think we should get a retirement. I think if, you know, if you want to get a retirement, you get a different job and get a retirement. Now that's what I did, but we knew that when we come in here. Enough of that. Senator Chambers talked about people at 55 years of age are going to quit and they are going to feel worthless. I don't think people are going to feel worthless. I have never talked to many...to too many school teachers that didn't have a pretty good ego, maybe not as good an ego as Senator Chambers and myself, but most of the teachers that I know, and I think I...I had 17 years teaching young people and I know no one in this Legislature has taught that long in a public school, and I was 34-1/2 years in public...in the public school system, so I think I know how the things go. People that have faced young people for 30-some years, if they feel that it's their time, I think we ought to give them that option, and that's what we're doing. There will be a lot of people that will not retire at 55 years of age. You know it and I know it. Senator Beutler talked about that. He even give us...he even give us some numbers on that, and that's true, but I think this is the time for this. I agree with Senator Wehrbein, I think we're at...after this bill passes, I think that's where we stop as far as early retirement is concerned. And those are the comments I had. I know there are a couple more speakers and then we'll move the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of 822, and for several reasons. I even cosigned, but I guess I look at 822, and whether it be teachers, I am going to say at sometime probably state employees, however it is, there is a trend out there in private business that looks at making the kind of changes that they feel they need to make to stay in business. You can call it downsizing or whatever you want, and whether it's healthy, I don't know, but it is something that's going on and that many of them feel need to do to be able to survive. And I think school systems are somewhat in this same thing, and many businesses go about it with what I call a machete and just hacking away. There is layoffs, there is dismissals, there is pink slips, and it's very harmful and very hurtful. What I would much rather see is a system that's