

haunting and it is a complex issue and I don't think there is anybody that questions that, and it, therefore, follows the rule of inverse attention that rules in this Legislature and just about every other legislative body in the United States, and that rule goes, the more complex and costly it is, the less interest there is of legislators as opposed to death penalties and drunk driving and things like that that are relatively simple, that we can all command multitudes of attention on, that the press can get their teeth into, so on and so forth. This issue here, however, has a lot of ramifications that are going to go on forever. And so you know what I am going to try to propose and what I am suggesting, I am against returning the bill to the committee and I am against killing the bill, I am against passing the bill, I am against basically doing anything until you get the other half of this question out here which is the proposal by the Municipalities, or whatever. And it is my firm suspicion and I think you will see it verified that those who are in favor of 387 are arguing against what they normally would and that those that are sponsoring, including myself, the other proposal, are arguing against normally what they would, that the Muni plan is far more costly than 387, that 387 as it is gives far less benefits than these people who are involved are entitled to, but everybody is exactly the opposite of where they think they are in this particular situation. And I'd try to just prove a little bit of what I am suggesting by asking a few quick questions. Senator Fowler, it is my understanding that at the present time there is about \$12 million of unfunded liability by the first class cities. My question to you, and it is one of about three questions, it was the state that ordered this certain amount taken out of the individual's salary, is that correct? Out of the salary itself, a certain amount was ordered by the state or given the power to the cities to order to be taken out of the salary. Is that right?

SENATOR FOWLER: That would be correct.

SENATOR DeCAMP: In the case of that money that was taken literally out of the salary, for example, Tom Fogarty gets his check from the Lincoln Journal, but instead of getting his full check of his actual salary, so much per hour, or whatever, five percent is taken out and held by somebody. The somebody that held that in many cases did not hold it but, in fact, took it, borrowed it and used it for part of the general fund of the city, didn't they? Senator Fowler.