

February 1, 1982

LE 387

this debate and this is the second time we have had it on General File, used up a lot of time on the issue, it is not that dramatic. It may be a little complex because of the actuarial terms, but the impact is not that dramatic and for that reason I think we ought to advance it. I think it would be unfortunate if we would have to debate it again on General File.

PRESIDENT: Before we take up the next speaker on this bill, the Chair would like to introduce two groups, both of them from Belmont School, both of them in Senator Landis' District. The first is a group of 60 Fourth and Fifth Graders. The teachers are Mrs. Schernikau and Miss Davies. They are up in I think this end of the north balcony, and then on the other end of the balcony we have 50 Fourth Graders also from Belmont with Miss Kubik and Mrs. Gillespie. Would they all kind of wave their hands and let us know where they are? Welcome to your Unicameral. The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess the argument that slays me most is that once again we are trying to erode local control, and we all have this memo from the City of Fremont in which they state that pensions, retirement and disability benefits are fringe benefit items which logically should be negotiated at the affected local level. They have the responsibility to do it. They have the responsibility to raise the money to do whatever they say they'd do, so I think we should leave this responsibility with the local people.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, a point of order, please.

PRESIDENT: Yes, state your point.

SENATOR KOCH: I was under the assumption that Senator Rumery was closing and asked for the advancement of this bill to E & R Initial. Am I incorrect?

PRESIDENT: No, he was not closing, he was just moving the bill. There has been no closing yet.

SENATOR KOCH: Okay.

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR KOCH: In that case, I want to comment on this