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issue. I have been around here for several years. This issue is not particularly new and sometimes I want to be sympathetic to cities having been on city councils. In a case where cities have developed pension programs and then have seen fit to use that money in general funds rather than to actuarially carry out the obligation they have to those people who serve either in fire or police service, then I think that the burden of proof falls upon those cities. This bill that Senator Rumery and Senator Fowler have been discussing this morning I think has merit, and I think it is unnecessary that we should wait for a bill that may not see the light of day in a short session. If the municipalities have a bill which they say will solve the problem, then I am willing to wait with breathless time to see that they get it here. I believe that those men and women who have served thus far are deserving of some consideration. Therefore, I think it is time we move 387 and when the munies get their bill here which is going to take care of the future, we will act on that one. We are talking now about those who have served and deserve some attention in terms of the price they have paid for that service. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery for purposes of closing on the motion to advance. Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, we are faced with a real problem here this morning and I think we have been able to solve some of it, at least, and I think we can accomplish the rest of it. Senator Lamb mentioned the local control. The proposition has been in the statutes for some time that the cities should do this, and the ones that are chafing under this now are the ones who haven't done it, and they need to get with it and get it done. I like to think that we are doing something for people who have impaired their health by breathing smoke and fire and going through all the other hazards that they have gone through to give them some kind of a decent retirement. Therefore, I move that we move the bill as it is amended.

PRESIDENT: Motion before the House is the advance of LB 387 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Two are excused, Senator Rumery. Have you all voted? Senator Rumery, do you....

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, I move for a Call of the House.

PRESIDENT: All right, record what is on the board, and

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