

as I like to hear some nice things said and whatever as I indicated earlier, that is not the issue. It is policy with me. And as Senator Lynch pointed out, retirement is unique and which I agree it is unique. It affects a whole host of people. And the issue isn't whether there is adequate revenue to cover it in the future. The issue is it is an obligation which extends beyond any of the entitlement, what we usually call entitlement programs, extends far beyond any of the others. And I can think back in the years where particularly some local communities had gotten themselves in a real difficult situation which eventually was straightened out because they had enacted retirement programs, expanded them without adequately funding them. And the in fund liability was horrendous. The Retirement Committee over the years with a variety of members have developed some excellent policies which still primarily serve as the guideline for considering legislation and that was not done by me. It was done actually by the chairman and a variety of chairmen and staff that worked on those issues. But I still believe that this one committee is unique because of its purpose and how it so directly affects people that whoever...you know, as far as I am concerned, it doesn't have to be chairmen, I think it ought to be a representative of the Appropriations Committee if I am a problem. But there ought to be one person who is looking at both sides of that issue, the value of the program or the legislation which is important, but also have a natural inclination, because of other responsibilities, to look at that long-term impact and what its ramifications, if any, might be. So I would urge that the amendment be adopted because a policy of policies has been in existence for a great many years. It was in existence before I came along and it was put in, I'm sure, because past legislatures saw the wisdom of retaining that kind of continuity between two different committees.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the second part of the divided question. Those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the second part of the Warner-Haberman amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion carries.

CLERK: Mr. President, may I read some items for the record?