

say. But do your homework and do your figures before you vote on it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Conway, please.

SENATOR CONWAY: Call the question, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, that won't be necessary, yours was the last light. Senator Rex Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, in answer to one of the senators' concerns as to what am I going to say to my constituents when I return to my district, my constituents will say that's fine, we think it's okay that they can retire after 25 years. We have a lot of respect for the State Patrol, for their integrity, for their appearance, for their manners and for the hard work, dangerous job that they do. I have two more things that I want to touch on. First of all, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee has adopted and follows 28 general principles of sound retirement planning when evaluating proposed changes to any retirement system. There's 28 principles and we follow this. LB 953 directly involves principle 9 and 10, and is in agreement with those two principles. This legislation is not in conflict with any of the 28 principles that the committee follows on retirement. Now, in closing, I am going to say one other thing. I would like to ask each and every one of you to stop and think and tell me of someone else, state, city, county, schools, judges, you name it, you name it, that just has the state retirement programs funds when they retire. None of them, they all get social security. The State Patrol does not get social security. Their widows do not get money. Their children do not get money. So when you stop to think, how would you like to be in a position to work 20 years, 25 years, or 50 or 60 years just on the state retirement funds? You can't do it. You can't do it. The state is not paying social security because they do not belong to social security. It would cost more than what this bill is going to cost, if they belonged to social security, so that is a wash as far as cost to the state. So for no other reason, and I can continue this debate on and on and on and give you lots of reasons, it's just the reasons that due to a grinch, the State Patrol does not and will never receive social security and, in my book, that's enough to pass this legislation. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. You've heard the closing, and the