

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, there won't be any fiscal impact at the present time, but eventually there will be, because like I made the comment, there are currently a little over \$8 million in this fund, but eventually there may have to be one down the road.

SENATOR PIRSCH: These disabilities are not necessarily service related, is that correct? This is anything.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I don't think so. No, I think you're right.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay. This is much more palatable and certainly better than the original bill. I did think that the State Patrol did have one of the best retirement systems, and I guess I am going to have to be convinced before I support, but I will support this amendment. It does make it better. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. When we are talking about the patrol's retirement fund, I think you all should keep in mind the one thing that makes it unique to all of the retirement funds that the state supports. The State Patrol is not covered by social security. They have no social security. That is why their annuities are higher. That is why they contribute more from their paycheck. That is why the state contributes more. At this point, from everything I have been able to discover, to get them into social security would be much more costly than to do the things we are trying to do with their retirement fund. Senator Nelson and Senator Pirsch both asked this question, and I hope that Senator Nelson and Senator Pirsch have heard this explanation about the social security. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: I guess I need to respond about the social security. I am very much aware of that. I think, however, I will have to say that at least 60 to 75 percent would be eligible for social security either on their own or at the early age of retirement go out and still work to get social security. I am very much aware that they paid in 8 percent. Senator Elmer should know, as a private person in business, he has been paying