

Will and Beutler will be laid over. Amendments to be printed to LB 962 by Senator Hall. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (See pages 1399-1406 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: We will now proceed to LB 1057 introduced by Senator Nelson.

CLERK: Mr. President, 1057 was a bill introduced by Senators Nelson, Chizek, Cudaback, Hillman, Robak, and Lynch. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13 of this year, referred to the Retirement Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Mr. Speaker. LB 1057 would provide an increase in the employees contribution rate for members of the County Employees Retirement System. Right now, I believe, there are about 500...5,683 of those employees that would be affected. Currently, the retirement...the rate that is paid in by the county employees is 3.2 percent. This would be raised to 4.8 percent. The counties...Oh excuse me, this would be raised to 4 percent. The counties have been currently paying in 4.8 percent, and since the counties pay in 150 percent of what the employee pays in, it would raise the county's share to 6 percent. It's a...in essence, a very simple bill, excepting there is one other point in the bill, and Section 2 clarifies some language specifying the amount that the county clerk shall remit to the retirement office. As some of you may remember, there was a lawsuit filed and there was a concern back through the floor debate, back through the years, when Senator Fowler was even here he addressed this. Specifically, LB 1057 specifies that the total amount shall equal 250 percent. This percentage represents the employees contribution of 100 percent and the employer, that is the counties, matching of 150 percent, 250 percent all together. And that is clarified within the bill. There is one small amendment by the committee, and that changes the operative date of the bill from January 1, 1993 to July 1, of 1993. The...I did some homework on this bill. There are some counties, I will admit to you, that is up close to the 50 percent limit. Let's hope that LB 219 does pass, it will give them a little bit of leeway, a few more dollars coming in on personal property tax, I would imagine. I...this was discussed by the County Employees Retirement System. This was discussed by the county employees organization, it was brought