

to me from them. And it simply brings it up to a more comparable rate, a rate that many other systems are now enjoying. I do know that this does raise the counties contribution a small amount. It does not raise the state's contribution. This is back, I guess, as any other wage discretion maybe if a small amount of retirement benefits are increased the demands are not there for quite so much for a wage increase, I think it's all taken into consideration. I do want to thank Senator Cudaback for taking this as his priority bill. Senator Cudaback worked very close with the counties, and I assume he will want to say a few words. But that's simply what the bill does is it raises the employees contribution rate and the counties contribution rate. With that, I'll answer any of the questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Mr. Clerk, an amendment.

CLERK: Senator Nelson, I had neglected to observe that you do have an amendment, your own amendment, Senator. It's on page 1012 of the Journal. (See AM3120.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: This is the amendment I just spoke of. I didn't know whether you failed or I failed. But we'll get by that one all right. And that just simply changes the date from January 1, '93 to July 1 of '93. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Anyone wishing to speak to the amendment by Senator Nelson. Senator Cudaback to the amendment. Seeing no other lights on to speak on the amendment, do you wish to close, Senator Nelson?

SENATOR NELSON: I believe I explained it. It just gives the counties a little bit more time to adjust their budgets. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Nelson. We will now vote on the amendment by Senator Nelson. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Nelson's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is adopted. We are now on the