

addressed when there are cooperative efforts between a number of counties. LB 1196 which is very, very important, this is a bill that is Senator Moore's priority bill and it is Senator Kristensen's bill. This bill has been worked on for over 18 months or 2 years. It has to do with the policeman's pension and the League of Municipalities and the policemen unions and groups have worked on this very diligently. And part of the points of the bill the policemen are helped and, of course, the League are helped. It addresses lump sum retirement. It self-directs the retirements that they can do. Also it adds money into the fund. It redefines the disability, the procedures for job back that I had a problem with the bill and that has been worked out through a conference. Now that if a policeman is hurt on the job, if it's a three-year period of time he has a choice of coming back to that job if he so desires. Several sections were amended, either for IRS codes, or new language in it that makes it clear that pension funds cannot be attached by creditors, other provisions. It talks about, in the case of death or a divorce situation, it is a bill that has been worked on, and it has been compromised, and to my knowledge there are no opposition whatsoever on that bill. Had there been, would not have incorporated it into these...these amended bills. The next bill, LB 1040, is for Lancaster County, and that allows them to increase their contribution to their county employees. Right now it's at 100 percent, and gradually, so it won't upset their budget, it will be increased to 150 percent by January 1, 1996. This was a rather lucrative retirement fund, but they wanted it so that they could be comparable to the City of Lincoln. This is another bill that was worked on. Senator Wesely helped, Senator Crosby helped, and it was one that probably I could say I drug my feet on. But I think now that I'm comfortable, it also has a 13 percent cap, which is on retirement benefits which, in essence, so you can't get more in retirement than you did when you did when you were working. LB 1108 provides a one-time retirement annuity adjustment for retired judges. The bill that was originally brought to us was a 3 percent increase for the judges that had retired prior to this time. We amended the bill in the Retirement Committee, which I feel is much more fair. We brought it up to about the same comparable basis as the teachers that had retired in some time past, and tried to bring it up to a \$250 a month minimum. What we amended the bill is that the retired judges, or the surviving spouse would get a 3 percent increase per year of retirement up to a maximum of \$250 a month. In other words, those over \$250 a month will not enjoy this