

that should either go back to the General Fund and I don't think we should start a COLA for these retirement programs because you are locking things in that I think we can't necessarily pay for. There's going to be a whole block, and maybe none of us do know, Senator Wickersham, but, boy, there's somebody who should be able to figure it out and if the actuary has figured it all out then maybe that's part of it. I don't know. I haven't discussed this with him. But I know that a lot of these people, from dealing in the schools, are about my age. They are the "Baby Boom" generation. They will all be retiring at approximately the same time and we have given them an excellent retirement. I don't think we need to add to it. I don't think we need to use the HELP Fund to add to it. I don't think we need to lock in future generations to it and that's the reason I objected to it coming out of committee and that's the reason I will not vote for the advancement of this bill. It's not that I want to take away from anybody who's working hard. It's that I don't want to start something that somebody else is going to have to pay for, and that's the mentality that is driving this country right now and that's the mentality that is changing the way things have been done for years and years and years because they have used future generations, my generation, to pay for promises, political promises, made from past generations and this is going to stop with my generation if we have something to say about it and I do...and I do have a vote for right now, and it has nothing to do with whether I think people are working hard or doing a good job out there or any of those other things that you've brought. It has to do with I can see the writing on the wall, I can see we're putting people in debt that shouldn't have to shoulder this debt. I know here in Nebraska that we are an aging population and we don't have a lot of young people coming up behind us. Senator Brashear has brought that up on a number of occasions even during his political campaign. We are going to have problems. We should be having enough leadership on this floor to look 15 years ahead and realize we are going to have problems, that we have an aging population, we have an aging population in our state employees, we have an aging population in this state as a whole, and if we go ahead and start building their retirement programs we don't have the people coming up behind us, so it makes sense to understand that those people coming up behind us are going to have to shoulder a greater responsibility for what we put into practice today and that's something I didn't understand years ago...