

let us just disappear into the system. But my opinion is, as Senator Wehrbein expressed, is that ultimately that will not happen. If that could happen, if that could happen, maybe they'd be right, but, ultimately, I don't think that will happen. The issue is well defined, it is well known. There are large numbers of dollars involved. Those are prescriptions for litigation.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I agree, Senator Wickersham and Senator Wehrbein and those of us, and Senator Lynch, and others who voted to bring this resolution out, it was a really difficult decision, and it points up another feeling of mine. If I had my druthers, I wish there was some way to rotate each person in this Legislature to the Retirement Committee, at least for one session. I don't mean for a legislative session, at least to require that each of you come to one hearing. Because unless you're on the Retirement Committee, I don't think you have an in-depth understanding, or if you have been here...if you haven't been in the Legislature for a long time, you don't understand what that retirement system is. When it first started, I am sure the people that started it had no idea how it would grow. The school employees, the school retirement system is the oldest. If you have a Blue Book, the current one, 698 and 699, pages 700 and 701 give you an idea of what the retirement board is supposed to do, Public Employees Retirement Board, what their responsibilities are and some statistics on page 701 as to how many members there are in each system right now, and how many are getting retirement and so on. I just think it's very interesting, and that gives you a little idea of what this group deals with, the amount of money and the number of people who are affected by the retirement system and/or anything that we do as a Legislature to affect that system. I was brought up and I have learned over the years that you don't sweep a problem under the rug. You stand up and face it, and that's why I finally made the decision to move LB...LR 343 to the full Legislature because I think we may not, shall not, cannot ignore it. We can't do that. As far as the lawyers involved are concerned, a good lawyer tells his client or her client, here are the options that you face in this particular problem; here are the consequences that might happen if you accept either one or more of these options; here is how the law works, so you understand ahead of time. The client, in