

than others, but a wide ranging series of problems within the retirement systems. Now, I want to comment a little bit about Senator Will's amendment. I do not quite understand why we have come to this position on this bill. Senator Will's amendment was printed in the Journal on March 14. The bill came up for consideration, finally, it was on the agenda earlier, but it finally came up for consideration on April 4 and Senator Will's amendment was adopted. I don't know why Senator Will's amendment was not more vigorously opposed on Select File. That is not my responsibility. If there were individuals opposed to that amendment, on Select File they had their opportunity. Now I know that you always get more than one chance here, but you don't necessarily get one more chance when you're going to kill a very significant piece of legislation. This is not the first time the concepts that are in Senator Will's amendment came to this Legislature. It also came to this Legislature in 1994 in the form of LB 1073. (LB) 1073 was introduced as a rebuttable presumption bill. You remember Senator Will's amendment only provides for prima facie evidence and we may have some more discussion of that. Primarily what I'm hearing now from the opponents of Senator Will's amendment is that it's going to be too costly and we want to know how much it costs. Well, colleagues,...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...we've looked back in 1994, you can look in your bill books now to see the fiscal statements that were published, but you couldn't look back and see what was published in 1994. The city of Lincoln, this was their comment in their fiscal note. Based on past experience of two cancer cases in the past twenty years, the fire department does not believe this will cause a significant increase in pension or disability costs. That's signed by a Mr. Chris Mackie, or Miss, I'm not sure, Ms. or Mr., Chris Mackie. City of Omaha, from William Miskell: Unable to estimate the number of disability cases that would apply, nowever, 1073 will cost the city of Omaha and police and fire retirement systems more money since in most cases cancer is not a service connected disability. I have information that leads me to believe that in the last, I believe it is, 20 years there have been 40 cases of cancer associated with paid firemen in the state of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Thank you, Senator. Senator Will.