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but as Senator Wehrbein and Senator Wickersham indicated, we are looking then for the state patrol and the judges for another update. So, thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Discussion on committee amendments, Senator Connealy.

**SENATOR CONNEALY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I've chosen this bill as my priority bill, and I want to rise in support of...of the committee amendments, and I want to thank the senators for the work on this bill. Senator Wickersham and the Retirement Committee have done a lot of work, and if there is adjustments that need to be made in the state patrol end of it, I know that we'll do that before Select File. Especially with the teachers' end of it, we do three things; we raise the benefits to 75 percent for current retirees to where they were when they initially retired, we add 1 percent to the multiplier, and we raise the COLA, which hasn't been in place before, and the fund can afford this. So I think it's only right that we do this, and I thank...want to thank the Retirement Committee and Senator Wickersham for their work on this...on this bill, and ask that you support the committee amendments and the bill.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Connealy. Seeing no further discussion, Senator Stuhr, would you like to close on the committee amendments? Senator Stuhr waives closing. The question before us is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 674. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

**CLERK:** 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** The committee amendments are adopted. Discussion on the advancement of LB 674. Senator Redfield.

**SENATOR REDFIELD:** Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members of the body. Just a few years past, I can recall that the portion of the retirement plan that is financed by the school districts was raised by this body, that every school district was required to increase that percentage, and I know that when teachers look at their paycheck when they get home,