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in a one-year sunset provision. And as a result, the contribution rate would only be increased for a period of one year and is sufficient to cover the anticipated \$434,202 deficit. But as I want to restate, half of that will be picked up by the State Patrol employees and that leaves \$217,101 for the state. And I ask that you adopt the committee amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this is in the committee package for the reason that it had an impact on our General Fund budget. This is a defined benefit plan, and over the years there has to be a contribution when the contri...when the performance of the stock market and so forth do not happen. Senator Stuhr and the committee in Retirement worked through this, had the hearing, and decided there was going to mutual contribution to this plan, as she has explained, and I support it but it is an important part of our package in terms of the dollars, albeit mild, \$217,000. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Stuhr, could I ask you a question please?

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Stuhr, would you yield please?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Stuhr, how does this, you're going from 11 to 12, is that right?

SENATOR STUHR: Yes.

SENATOR HARTNETT: And last year the bill was 13 and you don't need that much money, is that correct?

SENATOR STUHR: That's correct.