

1 additional payment.

2 Now, I should like to say one word about
3 pensions. The General Assembly has created a pension
4 system which is more favorable to itself than to the
5 other State employees. However, I should point out that
6 the 15 percent contribution which is required on the part
7 of the members of the General Assembly is the second highest
8 in the nation of all those States in the Union which
9 provide for pensions for members of the legislature, and
10 those States are in the vast majority.

11 Now, in the ordinary course of events, one
12 retires voluntarily from one's position. That, however,
13 as so many in this room could testify to, is not the case
14 with those who hold public office. One has not the utmost
15 control over whether one continues or fails to continue
16 in the General Assembly. There is a higher non-parenthetical
17 power known as the electorate that takes care of that
18 particular matter. Consequently, the risk involved in hold-
19 ing public office and the risk in setting oneself up for
20 reelection means that a member of the General Assembly is
21 in a different kind of category than the regular State