

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1079 was a bill introduced by Senators Hefner and Abboud. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 12, referred to the Government Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Baack, on the committee amendments to 1079.

SENATOR BAACK: One moment, Mr. Speaker, we're passing over bills so fast here I've got to get...Mr. Speaker and members, the committee amendments are rather lengthy. Here we go, right here, okay, we're in good shape here. No, that's the wrong bill. We're not in good shape yet. Handed me the wrong bill...amendments here. The committee amendment says...okay, now I'm trying to remember the bill here. Okay, now we're getting around here. This is called the Prompt Pay Act and the committee amendments, one of the main things that they do is they state that the Prompt Payment Act only applies to state...only applies to state agencies and does not apply to political subdivisions because the way the bill was originally written it applied to all political subdivisions of state. This narrows it down just to state agencies. The second one deals with the fact that with the good faith dispute and as to how the notice goes out in a good faith dispute and as to what point the timing starts as far as the good faith dispute goes and it just makes a very clear definition as to when erroneous billing really occurs and it's a good faith dispute. The next change provides for...oh, it has to do with the receipt of the goods and services, whether or not they can...the interest begins to accrue at the point 31 days after the receipt of the goods or services or...right, yeah, that's right, after they have a receipt for the goods and services, then they do have 31 days before the interest will start accruing. And the next amendment would...oh, this deals when they have to notify a creditor as to whether there is a mistake in the bill or in the pay...or in the...for payment, whether there is a mistake in the billing, good, thank you, Gary, if there is a mistake in the billing and what it says is that they have to have...they will have 45 or 60 days after the receipt of the goods or services or after they receive the bill. And the notice would add a 10 days...the bill also says that they have to give...the bill has to be received 10...let's see, no, notice would have to be given 10 days after the receipt of the bill if there is any concern over how the