

the Government Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, Mr. President. (AM3298 is found on page 970 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson, on the committee amendments.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body, as Senator Brashear will explain, 1263 makes some changes the accountability and disclosure laws to increase the level of compliance with the various filing requirements. One of the changes made in the area of late contributions and would require that these be reported within twenty-four hours of its receipt instead of the current five-day requirement. The committee felt that it was too severe and so the committee amended...so the committee amendment restores the five-day requirement. A late contribution is defined of a contribution of \$500 or more that is received after the closing date of the last campaign statement required to be filed prior to an election. The committee felt that these last days in an election are very hectic and a twenty-four hour requirement to report a late contribution would be a very difficult burden to meet. It was felt that the five-day rule, in conjunction with the new late filing requirement in the bill, will achieve the desired result of compliance with this area of the statute. I would urge the adoption of the committee amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, on the committee amendment.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Robinson, and I apologize, I was half talk...well, I was not listening as closely as I should of. The amendment changes the twenty-four...if you got a larger contribution you need to report it within twenty-four hours?

SENATOR ROBINSON: No, that's the way it was...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Right.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...and the committee moved it to five days.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay. But the rationale for twenty-four hours is that it would be made public quickly at the end, correct?