

January 25, 1989 LB 255

CLERK: LB 255, Mr. President, introduced by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year, referred to the Government Committee for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: You're on, Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: I'll move down to another one.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker, does that work? Mr. Speaker, members,...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Go ahead, Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: This is a bill that was brought to the...brought to us from the Department of Administrative Services and it is just a very technical bill. All that the bill does is it updates the language in the statutes regarding the payment of payrolls by state agencies. In the past, we've had kind of a voucher system where the payrolls are all printed out on vouchers, and then each head of the state agency had to sign those vouchers before the vouchers were validated. Now we do most of it by computer, and with the technology that we have we can do it that way. There is no need for this signing of the vouchers any more. Right now it is an after-the-fact thing. They take it to the agency heads, they sign it, the payrolls have already been expended, they've already been approved. This does not eliminate any of the internal controls in the payroll system, it simply simplifies the process and it also...all that it does really is it puts into statute the procedures that are used by DAS now in the preparation of payrolls. So, if there are any questions, I'll be glad to answer those.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any discussion on LB 255? Senator Schmit, your light is on. Senator Schmit. Senator Hannibal, any discussion?