

reject the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 356. Those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted?

SENATOR LANDIS: You can record as far as I'm concerned, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Have you all voted if you'd care to vote? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 5 ayes, 23 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are not adopted. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: To the bill as amended. Senator Landis, I'm not sure that you have actually opened on the bill. Would you care to open?

SENATOR LANDIS: I've not opened on the bill. Why don't I do just a quick sketch of the bill and then allow the debate to proceed.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you.

SENATOR LANDIS: The bill is a \$40 million appropriation to these three institutions for compensation plus interest. Now if one was to figure out the sum total amount of interest, the \$40 million wouldn't cover it and Senator Withem asked what the breakpoint would be. If you take in interest, why, we're talking about 60 some millions of dollars. If you do not use interest, then we're talking about \$33 million. My suggestion is, if the bill moves between here and Select File, that privately we discuss among ourselves whether or not the notion of interest makes sense and whether or not there should be an amendment on Select File, and I would treat the General File debate and action not as an endorsement of the \$40 million number, but as an endorsement of the idea of fair compensation and that discussions go forward on the basis of what that should be. I appreciate the body's recognition in the last vote that