

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to return the bill for specific amendment. Senator, I have AM2380 that you filed with me earlier. (Hall amendment appears on page 645 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Chair recognizes Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As I stated earlier in supporting Senator Baack's amendment, I would have a couple of amendments. And this amendment, if you would open the Journal to page 540, which is the Baack amendment that was just adopted to the bill, on page 540 of the bill (sic), lines 9 through 12 deal with a 2 percent collection fee that the phone companies would be allowed for providing this 911 billing service. The original bill, LB 240 as it currently sits, the deaf relay system bill, the companies had also asked for this. Basically, I just said, you know, I don't...not only do I not think you deserve the 2 percent collection fee, I think you ought to be doing it for free, but, of course, that was not a position that the companies agreed with. They did finally say, okay, we can deal without the 2 percent collection fee. In Senator Baack's version of the 911 proposal, that 2 percent collection fee was...is put back into the bill. All my amendment does is strike the 2 percent collection fee. I think that the telephone companies, granted, I understand they are in business to provide a service and to make money for their investors, their shareholders. But in this case we're dealing with providing a service of an emergency nature, the 911 proposal. The earlier proposal that the original bill dealt with on the relay system for the hearing impaired does not have a 2 percent collection fee. I'm trying, through this amendment, returning the bill to strike that 2 percent collection fee in this portion of the bill that was just adopted. I would urge your support to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the motion to return the bill? If not, those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The bill is returned. Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I would move the adoption of the