

passage instead of having to wait until the first of September.

SPEAKER BAACK: Is there any discussion on the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Withem? Seeing none, Senator Withem, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the amendment to the amendment offered by Senator Withem. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Withem's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. We are now back to the committee amendments. Is there further discussion on the committee amendments as amended? Seeing none, Senator Conway, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed to vote on the committee amendments, as amended, to LB 232. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: The committee amendments are adopted. We will now go to the bill, as amended. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, LB 232 is a bill co-sponsored by me, Senator Kristensen and Senator Warner, dealing with the number of changes with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission and our accountability statutes. And I will go through those and we can discuss any or all of them you may be interested in discussing. First of all, point number one is it deals with the question of honoraria. Current it's somewhat unclear the way the statute is written as far as what constitutes an acceptable honorarium and what does not. Currently, it says you cannot accept a gift that's...and other sort of things in a laundry list, including honoraria, that are \$25 or more within a calendar month unless...can't find the exact language here, something about a commensurate value being given in return for a service. The way I read that, it indicates that, yes, you can receive an honorarium if it is...if you have given an actual service for that, if you're asked to be a speaker at a conference and the people that are putting that conference together do, in fact, pay honoraria to the speakers and you actually give a service