

for that, you can receive it. But the language isn't all that clear. What it does is it removes honoraria from that list of the \$25 threshold and sets up a standard indicating clarify...indicating you can receive those but you have to disclose the amounts that you do receive so that the public will be aware of what you're receiving. Secondly, currently lobbyists have to file reports within 30 days after adjournment and there is no penalty for late filing. This gives them 15 days more, up to 45 days but does institute a \$10 per day late filing fee which is the same as candidates have to pay when they have late filings. It increases the circumstances under which lobbyists and principals can be exempted from filing interim and monthly reports as to the receipts and expenditures and, again, if there are zero dollars collected or expended, they wouldn't have to file reports. It raises...this may be one of the more significant parts of the bill, at least as far as public attention is concerned, but it's currently a \$25 gift limitation. This raises it to \$50. It has not been raised since 1979. In the last 12 years there have been, obviously, the inflation rate has raised that to the point. When asked specifically what this refers to, I was told one of the things is green fees. A lot of times a lobbyist entertains senators to visit with them about legislation and the \$25 fee is no longer applicable there. This is not special legislation, no. I'm hearing people raising questions here but they should not be. It amends the appeal provision of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act so as to bring the process of appealing decisions of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission in line with those that are under the Administrative Procedures Act. And, finally, it makes a change that if...currently, if an individual served less than half, I believe, of an unexpired term, that person could be reappointed to a full six-year term, otherwise they cannot be. This amends it so that an individual that served any part of a six-year term may be appointed to a full six-year term. It does not make an individual eligible to be appointed to more than one full six-year term. That, in addition to the committee amendment, involves a number of changes to our accountability statutes. I would respond to any questions or arguments that anybody might have on any of these.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. We will now go to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, if I may, I would like to