

deficit request. The reason that this has an early date is because the date of the letter was December 28, 1994. We have 30 days to return the money, or interest will start at the rate of 13.75 percent. And so we have put this on a fairly fast track in order to avoid the interest that will start accruing on January 28th. We are on a good track for this, at this point. And in order to avoid this interest cost I'm asking special consideration of this bill this morning so that we can make the proper...draw the proper check and return this money.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Item on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hall would move to amend the bill.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Mr. Clerk, if you would read the amendment, please.

CLERK: (Read Hall amendment as it appears on page 435 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Now, this is the kind of dance I like to do. If we're going to be a little light-hearted this morning, I thought why not just get things started with a small technical amendment to correct a deficit appropriation that's gone unfunded for years. I was reading the paper this morning and saw Senator Wehrbein's comments and I thought, oh, that headline doesn't accurately reflect Roger's feelings, I know that that's not right. And this was an opportunity for him to vote yes on this amendment. But knowing that he probably is not taking this in the same manner that I'm offering it, I'll withdraw that, Mr. Clerk. But it may come back. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. We're back now to discussing the unamended bill. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to discuss the bill.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question or two.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.