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procedure whereby over a 4 year period there would be an increase from 8 to 12. I renew the motion to adopt committee amendments number 1 and 2, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 234. Record your votes. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes on the motion to adopt.

PRESIDENT: The amendments are adopted. Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'll be very brief in the intending purpose of the fund. I think virtually all of you are familiar with its purposes. The basic mission of the fund is to grant assistance to emergency needs of veterans in the State of Nebraska in lieu of bonuses that the Legislature has never given. This fund is provided for the veterans of the State of Nebraska beginning in World War I with a \$2 million trust fund. Since that time the grant has approached \$8 million. However, since Viet Nam and the Korean Wars we have an additional 77,000 veterans in the State of Nebraska. The Legislature has never increased this fund. This fund, in the past few years, is being rapidly depleted. I'm talking now about the interest that it bears. For this last year there was \$683,000 expended for emergency needs of veterans and serving almost 4,000 veterans. With this as a background I would ask that you move this bill across in the best interest of the needy veterans of the State of Nebraska, not only those people but the widows and dependants that have survived them in these difficult times.

PRESIDENT: Are you ready for the question? The question is the advancement of LB 234, as amended, to E & R initial. Record your vote. Record Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 2 nays, 17 not voting.

PRESIDENT: LB 234, as amended, is advanced to E & R initial. LB 234A

CLERK: Read title.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch, do you wish to be heard on this? It's the A bill on 234.

SENATOR KOCH: No, I'll waive that.

PRESIDENT: The question is, shall . . .excuse me. Alright, you do move the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR KOCH: I thought you were talking about the A bill. I will move for advancing the bill.

CLERK: The A bill.

SENATOR KOCH: Yes.