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PRESIDENT: We'll take up the committee amendments first.

SENATOR BARNETT: I was going to.....

CLERK: Let's see, do these amendments amend the committee amendments?

SENATOR BARNETT: No, I was going to ask that we reject the committee amendments so we could go on with the bill.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to reject the committee amendments. Is there a second? Second. Any discussion? Those in favor of rejecting the committee amendments say aye. Those opposed say aye. Committee amendments are rejected. Now to Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Okay, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. What this bill is is a Vietnam Veteran Loan Act that we tried to get on the floor last year. We did have some discussion, we decided to hold it last year because of some action by Congress. The action did not come about so in general what we are going to do is try to make approximately 200 loans available to veterans of the Vietnam War for their education and I would like to emphasize that we said loans, not grants. There is approximately 1,000 to 1,200 of these veterans throughout the state and they figure the 200 loans based on a need set up by the Veterans Affairs office with the criteria to be followed by them that we can satisfy some of these people that are not having enough money to go to school on today. Denny, I think it we'd try to take up those amendments first we could go about it because that is basically what the amendments are going to do to the bill. And we're going to have a couple of changes that are going to have to be made. First we're going to have to try and adopt those amendments that I have.

PRESIDENT: The motion is to....will the Clerk read one of the amendments.

CLERK: Read amendment page 3, line 19, corrections.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I move for the adoption of these amendments. As soon as we can adopt these amendments which I've told you what they'll do. They'll make 200 loans available. We're going to try and have the state investment officer do that but that will have to be changed but let's adopt these amendments first. And then we can make our changes.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Did you...Senator Dickinson, do you have a question on this? You have your light on. You have your light on.

SENATOR DICKINSON: I'd like to ask a question of Senator Barnett at the proper time. If he wants to adopt the amendments, go ahead.

PRESIDENT: Okay, those in favor of the amendment that was just read, the Barnett amendment, say aye. Those opposed say no. The amendment's adopted.

CLERK: Okay, Mr. President, we have another amendment from Senator Barnett to add after the word "officer" in line 21,