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bill which we just passed earlier this week, what the changes reflect in our statutes. And so that would be one of those changes. Then lastly with the committee amendments we raised the interest rate on delinquent assessments due to the Power Review Board, but there are some changes that are found in my amendments to the bill which would further clarify those items. But again this bill is essentially a clean up bill for the Power Review Board and the power industry, and has been worked out to the agreement of the power industry.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely had amendments printed on page 1175 and 1227 that he wishes to withdraw. Is that correct, Senator? And....

SPEAKER MARVEL: So ordered.

CLERK: He would then, Mr. President, offer an amendment to the committee amendments. It is Request 2364.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, these are the amendments I was referring to on the committee amendments that I think will further clarify some of the things that we are trying to accomplish. These amendments to the committee amendments would do first, dealing with transmission lines, we added that to the jurisdiction of the Power Review Board. But the rurals talked about the fact that they have all kinds of small transmission lines that really should not be under the constant review of the Power Review Board to the degree in which the legislation before you would have them be. So what we do is we put a minimum figure for how big the line has to be before it falls under this jurisdiction, and so that is an attempt to try and recognize the fact we're really not looking at all these small lines but we're looking at the bigger lines, although as you probably know, the Public Service Commission does deal with the smaller lines and so there is some review there, but the Power Review Board would not be doing that under this bill unless they were larger. Next, these amendments would establish that an applicant should receive service within a reasonable time instead of immediately upon request. Presently the statute says if somebody wants service they go to their rural power district and say, we want this service, the power district essentially has to provide it unless they find it is not economical and a number of other things, and whether or not they have got the resources to do it. And so what we are trying to do is to say, as soon as the power district can and if it is economical,