

CLERK: Mr. President, 134 offered by Senator Lamb. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 14, referred to the Government Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee amendments pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis. There are Government Committee amendments, Government Committee amendments to LB 134.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This bill was brought to us by Senator Howard Lamb. It has to do with the striking of an unnecessary bond provision. Bonds are used when people handle money, to make sure that there is a form of surety should they abscond or act in a nefarious manner. There is a requirement now in the statutes that all of the members of a county veterans board have a \$1,000 bond. Senator Lamb's bill makes that bond optional since these people, in fact, do not handle the money themselves. The committee then chose to take the additional step of allowing the counties to set what they thought was a fair bond themselves rather than do it by statute, the reason being that statutes oftentimes get amendments to them to change dollar value figures which go up and down according to inflation and the like. We would expect counties, for the most part, to not require bonds. But if they do require bonds perhaps they should be permitted to set their own figures. The amendment then strikes the statutory requirement of the \$1,000 figure, gives to counties the option of setting their own amount for these bonds. It is sympathetic with the goal of the bill which is to do away with unnecessary bonding at the local level.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? The issue is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Voting on the Government Committee amendments to LB 134. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The committee amendments are adopted. Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.