

had a lot of bills that have come through here that have been garbaged up with unfriendly amendments. Now here we have a prejudgment interest bill and I think the proponents of this bill are entitled to have a vote, rise or fall, on the prejudgment issue and that it is not good legislating and certainly not fair legislating to come in with amendments that interject other issues that tend to take the focus of the Legislature and the focus of the public away what the original intent of the bill is to be and that is to deal with the prejudgment issue. Senator Hall will have his opportunity to deal with postjudgment interest once LB 298 comes up and I don't think he should ask us to deal with that issue on LB 157, so I would ask you to adopt this amendment to the Hall amendment that will sort out the issues, that will leave the prejudgment interest issue to be dealt with on 157 and the postjudgment interest issue to be dealt with on 298. I'd ask your adoption of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Hoagland was closing on the Hoagland-Vard Johnson amendment. Those in support vote yes, those opposed vote no. Twenty-five votes required.

CLERK: Senator Lamb voting no.

SENATOR LAMB: Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: The amendment to the amendment is not adopted. We're now back on the Hall amendment to the bill. Senator DeCamp, to address the hall amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I said I was going to gently oppose previously. I guess I'm going to vote for the amendment on the theory that that may strengthen the bill and it also is probably more in line with my thinking of reasonable interest rates. And then I would hope if that is adopted we could rather quickly get onto the other amendments and get a vote on the bill one way or another.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator Higgins, your light is on. Did you care to address the Hall amendment?

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President, I would just