

because this small technical amendment failed to be thrust into my hand before this bill was advanced by a voice vote off of Select File. This is the homestead bill. It is a technical amendment in a sense. It puts the emergency clause on the bill because you have got to have the bill go into effect quickly so it can be implemented relatively quickly, and the second change is that, as you may recall, it now sets income standards for disabled homestead claimants, and obviously it requires them to come in and give their social security numbers to the Department of Revenue so that they in turn can check out the income standards. That is, basically, what it does. In the absence of this amendment, 1258 simply can't work and we will have lost \$5.7 million.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, very quickly, I realize that this is just a technical amendment on Senator Johnson's part, but I still have some real problems with the bill. I don't feel that this is the right time to be taking away benefits, especially property tax relief benefits to the disabled as well as the veterans. Senator Lynch is going to be offering an amendment afterwards, I believe after this particular amendment, which will deal with the disabled veterans and at least move the income thresholds up a little bit to a more reasonable level. But I think I will support this particular amendment on Senator Vard Johnson's part as well as Senator Lynch's amendment which will follow but I will not be supporting the bill. I don't believe this is the time to be taking away benefits that are badly needed by the veterans, as well as the disabled citizens of our state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Question.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. There is no further discussion. The motion is to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. The motion is to return LB 1258 to Select File for a specific amendment offered by Senator Vard Johnson. Please record your vote aye or nay. Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.