

and the efficiency of their public utility. This amendment establishes an opportunity for the public to testify at the board meeting before the budget is adopted. The ability for the public to participate in an open discussion of the budget is important. This amendment is on your desk, if you do need to see it, and it has been one that has been in process. The amendment and the bill have concerned me. I think this particular amendment does make it a better bill, calling for additional accountability on behalf of the utilities. With that, I thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Discussion on the Preister amendment? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: I have a point of order, Mr. President, first. The board reads 2156, AM2156, and we have on our desks AM2124. Which...and I don't know, I apologize, which amendment are we dealing with?

SPEAKER BAACK: The Clerk will explain this.

CLERK: Well, Senator, I think 2124, or whatever number you referred to, had a penciled in change, or notation, so we modified it, had it run back upstairs; 2156 is the one that's on the desk. It's the one that's before you. It's the corrected version of...of the early one that you referred to, I believe.

SENATOR HALL: So we don't have 2156 on our desks?

CLERK: I...

SENATOR HALL: Or, I should...

CLERK: No.

SENATOR HALL: Oh, okay. Well, I haven't seen it yet. Thank you, appreciate that very much, Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, members, Senator Preister, would you respond to a question?

SENATOR PREISTER: Yes, Senator Hall, I would.