

aye. opposed. The amendments are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment I have to the bill is by Speaker Baack. Senator, your amendment is on page 1768 of the Journal.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, on the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, Mr. Chairman and colleagues, is this AM1715, is that correct? Thank you, Mr. Clerk. This...this amendment is an amendment that was brought to me by the Accountability Commission, it actually is a provision that was contained in LB 637 that was heard by the Government Committee. And what it does is it...it relates to the way that campaign statements are filed. And we have had some provisions in the law that have caused some problems in the filing of these campaign statements. This is going to clear that up as far as the accountability is concerned. In the past they have had to file a statement with the commission, and then it had a provision in it that said that one copy be filed with the election commissioner, if there was no election commissioner, the clerk of the most populace county in the election district in which the ballot question is to be voted upon. These provisions were some that the accountability said are...and also a campaign statement filed by any other committee would have to be filed with an election commissioner or their clerk of the county of the residence of the majority of the candidates. This has created some problems for accountability, because they're not even sure that anyone is even complying with this. Sometimes there's some question about which is, especially in the case of the other campaign committees, when they're talking about filing in the county of residence of the majority of the candidates, there's been some concern about who that has to be filed with. This would simply make it very, very clear that the campaign statements of both a ballot question committee and any other campaign statement committee would have to be filed with the Accountability Commission, period. That would be the only filing that they would have to make. If there are questions, I would be happy to answer those. This is basically some cleanup language for the department, to make it very, very clear where the campaign statements have to be filed, and it makes it clear that they have to be filed simply with the Accountability and Disclosure Commission. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Discussion on the