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by this bill that wouldn't be there with anyone else. We feel we've got a bill that just corrects an inadequate situation where some students working right side by side are paying for benefits they cannot receive. Under this bill they will be able to receive these benefits. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? The question is the advancement of LB 370, as amended with the emergency clause. Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: I have a question to Senator Burrows.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows, Senator George has a question.

SENATOR BURROWS: Certainly.

SENATOR GEORGE: This applies only to students that have up to 12 hours, is that correct, per semester or per year?

SENATOR BURROWS: No, this was a misunderstanding I think from what I said. By the way, the employer pays it. He pays it on students also. I made an incorrect statement, I believe, there. However, at present a student that was taking 11 hours could collect unemployment insurance. A student taking 12 could not under present law. This is the unjustness of this. It takes in a full-time student . . . now will be if the fees have been paid and will be eligible for the unemployment insurance if he's able to work just as anyone else.

SENATOR GEORGE: Senator Burrows, is this a full-time worker and at the same time a part-time student?

SENATOR BURROWS: This will include a full-time worker and a full-time student. Now he still has to be eligible for work, as anyone else. We had one student that testified for an example. He was a full-time student, and a full-time worker. He got laid off. He had no job and then he could not collect unemployment insurance, while the people working next to him could simply because also he was a student. The present law discriminated against the full-time student. This will correct the discrimination that existed. Does that answer? Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'd like to ask Senator Burrows another question if I could.

SENATOR BURROWS: Certainly.

SENATOR MARVEL: I'd like to make a statement then . . . what difference does it make whether a student's working 11 or 12 hours, if he or she is working full-time, as I understand, this is the law that you've got to work 40 hours per week in order to qualify. Is that true?

SENATOR BURROWS: You've gotta work 40 hours a week to qualify. Under the present law the student that was a part-time student, working 11 hours, could have qualified. Taking 12 hours, which would place this student as a full-time, disqualified him for the benefits of the program.