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committee, 7-0. The Department of Labor corrected the problem in Schuyler, however, they tell us this could, this could happen again unless LB 995 is passed. The way the statutes now read, the delay in filing the claim can raise a question of whether the claimant is employed in the same quarter by the part-time employer or by the employer who cut back on hours or work earlier. Let me hasten to add that this bill does not affect a penny of any claimants benefits. This bill affects only the manner in which benefits are charged to employers. In a proverbial nutshell, the bill simply is intended to prevent the possibility of a part-time employer from being penalized for hiring laid off workers. I urge its advancement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Morehead, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. I simply want to say as the co-signer of this bill that it does not just affect people in Senator Chronister's district. That this is a quirk or something in the law that needed to be adjusted so that the current employer's account was not charged and this happened in my district, also. I think that this is a piece of legislation that did need addressing because in the granting of unemployment benefits, if in fact, the law was unfair to the employer, the current employer that and that people could see that it was unfair, that it really was going to affect the attitude toward the recipients of unemployment, also. This law was designed to help people and not to be taken advantage of or to the detriment of the current employer. So I am certainly grateful as Senator Chronister said to the Department of Labor and to Senator Chronister for helping us address this problem. I urge your support and advancement of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LB 995? If not, all in favor of advancing the bill vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on the advancement of LB 995. Please record your vote. Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.