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before the body is the advancement of LR 24CA. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 20...record vote has been requested. (Record vote read. See page 488 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 28 ayes, 9 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LR 24CA advances. We turn now to Item 7 on the agenda, General File, LB 240.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, LB 240 was introduced by Senators Abboud, Dierks, Preister, Schimek, Schmitt and Vrtiska. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 9th, referred to the Business and Labor Committee. That committee reports the bill directly to General File.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Abboud to open on LB 240.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam Chair, we had a little bit of...or Madam President, colleagues, we had some discussion of this legislation yesterday. Just to refresh your memory as to what this legislation provides for, it was introduced at the request of the Department of Labor to bring existing state law into compliance with the federal regulations. The federal government requires states to implement and utilize systems to identify their dislocated workers who are likely to experience reemployment difficulties, thereby exhausting their unemployment insurance benefits. Once these workers are identified, they would be required to participate in reemployment services in order to receive unemployment insurance benefits. Yesterday the question was asked by Senator Hall as to which types of employees would be identified. We received from the Department of Labor the identification screening that they would most probably use upon the implementation of this statute. The statute hasn't...their rules and regulations have not been implemented into law until after we pass this piece of legislation. So they stated they do have something drafted up and this is most probably what will, in fact, be implemented into their rules and regulations as to the identification of these workers. First off, they identify the workers whose most recent separation is within the past three months where layoff will ensure that only dislocated workers, early in their unemployment spell would be a part of this identification.