

SENATOR ABBOUD: Yes, I will, Madam President, colleagues, the bill adds two definitions to the employment security law. First, that the temporary employee is an employee assigned to work on appliance of the temporary help firm; and, secondly, that the temporary help firm is one which hires its own employees and assigns them to clients to supplement their work force in situations such as employee absences, temporary skill shortages, seasonal workloads and special assignments in projects. The bill disqualifies a temporary employee from benefits for voluntarily leaving his or her work without good cause when the employee fails to recontract with a temporary help firm for reassignment after completing the original assignment. Duty is placed upon the temporary help firm to inform the employee of the duty to contract the firm when the work is completed and that failure to do so may result in denial of these benefits. The language that we heard in the committee dealt with the problems that temporary help firms were having in the State of Nebraska involving those two issues as far as the defining of the temporary employee, as well as what occurs in situations where the employee has the absences as a...that...dealing with skill shortages, seasonal workloads and special assignments. The bill was advanced out of the committee seven/zip. The bill was advanced last year but died as a result of not having adequate time to have it addressed on the floor of the Legislature. I will be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

SENATOR WILL PRESIDING

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Is there any other discussion on the advancement of LB 77 to E & R Initial? Seeing none, the question is the advancement of LB 77 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 77.

SENATOR WILL: LB 77 advances. LB 216 is next.

CLERK: LB 216, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Hall. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9th, referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President.