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SENATOR BEUTLER: You are responding to my question, but that was not the response I had hoped to hear, I guess, because, to me, that throws a whole different cast on this bill. The situation that I was describing was a situation where the employee would not be reemployed...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...which distinguishes it from the shutdown, plant shutdown situation where all of those employees are going to be reemployed and, therefore, in the minds of most of us, they are not unemployed. But if this bill goes beyond that and is saying basically that accrued vacation is going to be prorated against unemployment, a right to unemployment payments, then I think that is philosophically incorrect for the reason that that paid vacation is earned. It is no different than any other asset that employee might have. And if you're going to say that an employee has to apply all of his assets before he can get unemployment insurance, that doesn't...that's not the same to me as the plant shutdown situation.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, your time's expired, but you're the next light on so you may continue.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Why...if we're talking about unpaid vacation time, this is time already earned by the employee, is it not, Senator? Senator. Senator, I'm asking if we're talking about...

SENATOR MATZKE: I'm sorry, I was interrupted.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR MATZKE: Are you asking me another question?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am. If we're talking about vacation time that's already been earned, that's been earned for the work that's already been done by the employee. Wouldn't that be conceptually correct?

SENATOR MATZKE: No, actually not.