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they are, in fact, noncontroversial, but at first blush this is as much as we can determine. So, it doesn't mean there shouldn't be a discussion, but if it gets into an argument, then I will declare them controversial. Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. Chairman, and members of the body, this bill's purpose is to remove language in the Unemployment Insurance Law that has been deemed discriminatory in other states. In the language now, there is an automatic disqualification for pregnancies. It says that any woman twelve weeks prior to pregnancy and four weeks after would be uneligible for unemployment insurance. What this would do is make, if this bill was adopted, the determination would be based on the individual cases. A woman who was fit and able to work would be able to work no matter what period of pregnancy she was in. This would not put a pregnant woman under any different conditions than anyone else. She must meet the same qualifications. She must be unemployed, registered for work, able and ready to work immediately and physically healthy just as any other person applying for unemployment compensation.

SPEAKER: Any discussion on this? If not, are you ready for the question? All those in favor of advancing the bill vote aye. Those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. The clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, 23 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill is advanced. The clerk will read LB341.

CLERK: Read title. LB 341. There are no Committee amendments or other amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President, and members of the body, this is the one true simple bill we have all been looking for. The Department of Aeronautics have no objections because they get out of work. The aircraft owners have no objection because they get out of work. The taxpayers are pleased because it reduces expenses. The County Assessors are pleased because the lists that they will get from the federal government are absolutely accurate. I move we advance LB 341 to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER: There has got to be something wrong with this bill. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: There is. Let me ask, Senator Kelly, do you realize if you pass this bill, because it's my belief that I was the one who passed it originally, in order to see that those people who owned airplanes didn't escape taxes whether they were foreign or domestic. Do you think that would happen if you passed this bill?

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Carpenter, previous to the Airways.. Airport Development Act, the Federal Registry was not accurate in that they had no way to purge the airplanes that were on their list. You cannot fly an airplane without having it registered and licensed by the federal government. Now that they purge these lists and they are accurate, they are more accurate than the state lists.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I ask the bill to be passed because I am sure that if you pass this bill there are going to be many airplanes in this state who will not be subject to personal taxes. They are very difficult to locate and the County Assessors without the help of this bill as it was are almost powerless to tax and locate and tax these people. I ask the bill be passed over.