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LB 114

SENATOR BRENNAN: Yes, I would if I could. The average weekly wage in the State of Nebraska? It is approximately \$193.00 as of right now.

SENATOR GEORGE: Okay, if the average wage is \$190.00, what would that man get if he were 100% out? How much would he get according to LB 114? What would be his replacement?

SENATOR BRENNAN: Two thirds of \$180.00.

SENATOR GEORGE: Do you have that scale there? Could you tell me the figure?

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp. Senator DeCamp calls for the question. Do I see five hands?

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, I am still want to get an answer from Senator Brennan.

PRESIDENT: Oh, Senator Brennan is still answering your question. All right. We will hold up.

SENATOR GEORGE: I hear right now from Senator Marsh that...

SENATOR BRENNAN: Approximately \$120.00. Somebody was looking at the sheet. I had to compute but for round numbers, if somebody is making \$150.00 they would collect \$100.00. If they are making \$100.00 a week they could collect \$67.00.

SENATOR GEORGE: Well, let's not throw too many figures in that. The average wages, if that were \$190.00 he would collect a maximum. If he were 100% out, he would collect a maximum of \$120.00 a week. We have not changed a thing on that at all. It is just talking about raising the lid for those workers and I guess there are not too many in Nebraska that actually would make more than...how much does a worker have to make to be eligible for \$180.00? I finally got that table and computation here. A worker to be eligible if he is 100% out and can not work at all, I think that worker would have to make \$270.00 a week. The average is still \$190.00 a week in Nebraska. Neither one of the two bills make any changes from that and I think the worker then would be eligible for \$127.00. So all we talk about is possibly raising that lid on the 66 2/3% to \$180.00 for those workers that are in those higher categories which in my opinion, are rather rare cases in Nebraska. I just hope that that issue is properly understood. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes then, Senator DeCamp, where did you go? Do you renew your request for a call of the question? Question has been called for. Do I see five hands?