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LB 489

Landis and he's not here. Do you want to start then with... Senator Reutzel is excused. Okay. The Speaker says we will start with LB 489, Senator Brennan, so Mr. Clerk if you want to go ahead and....

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 489 was introduced by Senator Bill Brennan of the 9th. (Read title to LB 489.) The bill was read on January 17 of this year. It was referred to the Business and Labor Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Maresh's Business and Labor Committee.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh for the committee amendments. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I move that the amendments to LB 489 be adopted. The committee amended the bill to strike the 7 to 10 weeks and make it from 5 to 10 weeks, and it also provides that where a person quits his job more than once without cause that he is not penalized for the times he quit till the last time, and I wish that Senator Landis were here because he is the one that wrote these amendments for the bill. I did not go along with the amendments. I voted against the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, unemployment compensation is a very intricate law and it is very tough to explain. There is a reason for this. It was explained well enough for the committee but it seems to be impossible to explain it for the rest of the Legislature. We have amendments that are supposed to be here and I don't see them, but we would like to amend the committee amendments...my original bill did not have the 5 weeks, did not reduce from 10 to 5. We have an amendment to withdraw that amendment and purge the bill of that seemingly odious problem. I would like to have about a three minute recess until I get my amendments up there, if it's possible.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Speaker, is...Mr. Speaker is there any objection to taking...we have, Senator Newell has some amendments...has an amendment up here. We could take up the Newell amendment and pass over the committee amendments until Senator Landis arrives.