

laid off from employment would not be assessed any disqualification for quitting any work or being discharged for misconduct at earlier periods during the base period. This is a provision that Senator Vickers and I have worked out and it was acceptable to the committee. Number five, it retains the original LB 394 provision setting up a statutory rate table and a solvency rate to add additional revenues when required. This table as originally proposed has run into quite a bit of opposition so the sponsors of the bill have worked out with those that were concerned a slower phase in that the first year we would use the present system and the second year we would add one-half percent to the table on the left hand side as you will note in the amendments from ten to ten and a half percent. Then the next year we would go to the original version of the committee amendments which is the ten percent. This is a slower phase and we feel that the contractors and the seasonal workers that do have a minus balance in their accounts will be helped by phasing this in slowly. Unemployment compensation has been a problem with many employers for a number of years. The Business and Labor Committee has conducted interim studies and has had hearings on this and we hear the same thing over and over that people quit their jobs without just cause and do draw unemployment. So this would help to give unemployment compensation a better name that we would do a better job of keeping the people at work. I think that if we cut their payments in half they will be more apt to look for work instead of drawing full unemployment, which is tax free, and there is no incentive to be looking for a different job if they are receiving the amount that is set up. This committee amendment helps the laboring people because it will add ten dollars to the weekly benefits. I think that this is important and I think we worked out a just bill for both the laboring people and the employer. So I hope that the committee amendments would be adopted and I have some amendments to the committee amendments, mostly are clarification amendments. So, I would move that the committee amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: We will take up the first amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh first moves to amend the committee amendments. Read Maresh amendment.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, this is a clarification a