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LB 611, 765

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vard Johnson, you have three minutes and the bill will be done.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I will try to make my presentation in two minutes so the bill does have an opportunity for a vote. I do agree with Senator Landis that the Section 4 of the bill makes this a bad measure, notwithstanding the fact that this bill would call for an increase in the state unemployment compensation rate. What Section 4 does is it says to any worker, any worker who has voluntarily left his job without good cause or who has been fired from his job, he cannot get any unemployment compensation benefits until he gets another job and he at least works another job for enough time to build up a certain amount of money. In an economy like we are having where there are 20,600 in Omaha alone, almost the size of a legislative district, unemployed, it is too hard to requalify. This is a bad time for this provision, and for that reason, this bill ought not be advanced.

SENATOR CLARK: We have one minute left on the bill. Senator Vickers. At that time, we will pass over the bill. We have four more speakers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker, will you tell me when I have thirty seconds left. I want to make one point and the point is simply this, the previous speakers have talked about the fact that we are causing people who voluntarily quit a job to have to be requalified but at the same time nobody has made the comment and nobody has mentioned that we are making it apply only to the most recent employer, and right now we are applying that concept to anybody in the base period, so we are also making it so that there won't be nearly as many people disqualified as there have been right now.

SENATOR CLARK: You have thirty seconds left.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to give the remaining thirty seconds of my time to Senator Barrett if I may for closing.

SENATOR CLARK: There is no closing because we have got four more speakers. The bill will just have to be passed over. We will pass over and go to the next bill, #611.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 611 is a bill introduced by Senator Kahle. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 6 of this year, referred to the Public Works Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Mr. President, there are Public Works Committee amendments pending.