

SENATOR HIGGINS: And the Department of Labor...

SENATOR BARRETT: That is the trust fund which, at the present time, has many, many millions of dollars as a balance.

SENATOR HIGGINS: But it would decrease the revenue available to the unemployment insurance trust fund.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And unemployment is getting more and more rampant.

SENATOR BARRETT: Yes, if employer was allowed to assume an experience account of a business that had a rate of less than the business buying that business, there would be a reduction in the rate, thereby potentially reducing the balance in the trust fund.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So we don't really know what the situation will be when each business changes hands. I'm more concerned about the unemployment trust fund going down, and how much it would go down, than I am with the rest of the bill. Simply because...

SENATOR BARRETT: I'm advised that that balance now, perhaps, Senator Higgins, is somewhere between \$50 and \$70 million.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And how many millions do we use each year, right now, in unemployment compensation, if you know, Senator? I'm not trying to delay the bill. I'll tell you what, I'll hold off my questions until Select File and let the bill go.

SENATOR BARRETT: We can get that information to you. I'm not able to answer it right now.

SENATOR HIGGINS: No, I'll let it go until Select.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the bill? If not, the motion is to advance LB 336. All those in favor