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SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR HALL: ...financial need of their families. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chizek, then Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Speaker, would Senator Barrett yield to a question?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Barrett, I don't see him. Yes, I do. Yes, he will respond.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Senator Barrett, I have a couple of questions for you. How many qualified claimants filed in the State of Nebraska last year?

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Chizek, I just received this information. Let's see if I can get it for you. Initial claims, looks like 24,000, let's see, yes, that is the values.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Okay, Senator Barrett, my second question...

SENATOR BARRETT: Well, actually, I just received this, Senator Chizek, and I haven't had a chance to look at it.

SENATOR CHIZEK: What percent of those would qualify for the weekly maximum benefit amount?

SENATOR BARRETT: That information I don't believe I have here on this printout.

SENATOR CHIZEK: It would be minimal, would it not?

SENATOR BARRETT: Not necessarily. I can't answer that.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Well, I think it would be. Senator Barrett, has the fund balance increased last year?

SENATOR BARRETT: Beg your pardon.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Did the unemployment trust fund increase last year?