

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Barrett, please.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, it is totally unfair to make me try and follow that act. The amendments to LB 950 are actually a combination of LBs 951-52 and 1023, essentially, some changes in the definition of the base period to implement some federal changes. The committee also deleted the requirement that the commissioner approve attorney fees in unemployment cases, provided that the Commissioner of Labor can use quarterly wage reports to make monetary determinations of claims for benefits, some other technical changes. I would ask the body to adopt the amendments to LB 950. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, Senator Barrett on the bill as amended.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. 950 as amended will change the definition of wages as a result of some changes made by Congress. Here again we have little or no choice. Congress has made the policy decision. We have to go along with it. The primary thrust of the bill itself requires that tips be included in the definition and that certain payments made on account of retirement would no longer be excluded from the definition. Again, a federal mandate. I urge the body to adopt...or to advance the bill to E & R as amended.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Is that your opening and closing, Senator Barrett? No other lights being on, then the question is, shall LB 950 advance as amended? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed vote no. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CARSTEN: The bill is advanced as amended. The next bill, 949. Is that correct, Mr. Clerk?