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LR 61  
LB 394, 134, 400

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, I hope the body adopts the amendments. As I said this will be phased in gradually. The first year there is no change so that we will be back into session if need be. I am sure the Business and Labor Committee after a study will find out the impact. Probably we should have an independent study, not have the Labor Department giving us figures which we don't believe in, to have some other agency study this issue and give us their thinking on this. And I am sure by reducing the payments for those that quit voluntarily and otherwise that are laid off, that this will save quite a bit of money and that we will see a net saving there of probably \$6 million and these people will maybe cause to even have a bigger saving because seasonal workers instead of receiving fifty percent of their payment if they quit voluntarily will look for other work and won't be draining the accounts. So probably it will help the seasonal employers to have this provision in the bill and I can't see why the Labor Department would want to build up a reserve of \$20 million just because the law says they could. I think we need to adopt this amendment to have a solvency rate to help the small business people. I move that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Maresch amendment to the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 3 nays...28 yes, 3 no, Mr. President, on adoption of the Maresch amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the Maresch amendment to the committee amendment is adopted. Do you have some items to read in?

CLERK: Yes, sir. Mr. President, Senator Marsh would like to print amendments to LB 134; and Senator Vickers to print amendments to LB 400.

And, Mr. President, LR 61 offered by Senator Wagner. It calls for an interim study for purposes of clarifying statutes relating to per diem allowance for all public officers and employees and make necessary suggestions which resolve problems or conflicting sections of law. That will be referred to the Executive Board.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I would remind you again that this afternoon we will be discussing appropriations bills. And the motion now, Senator Remmers, will you recess us until one-thirty?