

immediately when the Governor signs the bill because it has the emergency clause. I think during these difficult economic times that especially small business is facing that it is a fair increase. Also, on July 1, July 1, 1988, that is 1988, about 14, 15 months away, then it would go from \$235 a week to \$240 a week. I think this is a fair compromise and I would encourage the body here to accept this.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labedz. On the bill. Other discussion on the amendment to the committee amendment? Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just a note to the body, the committee system has worked quite well here and I want to personally commend our Chairman, Tim Hall, and the Speaker, Senator Barrett. The body may not know this but up until last week, after three different meetings, we had three different bills, and there was essentially no discussion or difficulty about two of them, and we were \$2 away from a compromise on the third bill and making a package that would allow this body to make some needed changes in the unemployment compensation and the workmen's compensation area. And Senator Hall went to the well one more time, got some good faith discussions going largely because of the interjection of the Speaker, and we have now taken three bills, found a happy medium. And what historically, for those of you who are freshmen and might not know about, are the unemployment comp wars and the workmen's compensation auctions look like they will be done away with for this year largely because of some skillful and hardworking negotiation by not only our committee Chairman and the other members of the committee, and interested parties, but also with the interjection of the Speaker. We will have much time saved on the floor because of it and I am grateful. I endorse the committee amendment and the bill as well. That keeps the pieces together and we can save ourselves a whole lot of heartbreak by passing this bill today.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Senator Landis. Any other discussion? Any closing? Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. Speaker, members, a few less kudos and a few more benefit dollars maybe. But I would only urge the body to, I appreciate Senator Landis's remarks. I think that there has been an agreement reached that there are going to be benefits to both sides with the amendment to the committee amendments that we are dealing with now that virtually become the bill in the