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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, members of the body, the amendment that is being proposed very simply says that on this extension of the Quality Jobs Act that the...what Senator Kristensen characterizes as the "Modified Tier" would not have any new applications approved until there was an application approved in the "Rural Tier". Very, very, very simple. We already have seven, seven approved applications in the same program that would now be characterized as a "Modified Quality Jobs Act Tier"; seven of them already exist. There is...there are the opportunity for more, because there's going to be a five-year window open. It may be relatively easy to do something in the "Modified Quality Jobs Act Tier". It may be harder to do something in the...what Senator Kristensen has characterized as the "Rural Tier". If it is harder to do something in the "Rural Tier", why should we not do, in this bill, something that will give persons an incentive to work a little bit harder to do that? If it is hard to do, maybe they need an extra incentive. Kind of fits the model, doesn't it? If it is harder to do, give them a greater incentive to do it. That's what the amendment does and I would hope that you would support it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. The question is the adoption of AM1484 to LB 620. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 3 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Amendment is not agreed to. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. I have amendments to be printed to LB 620 by Senators Wickersham and Vrtiska. Senator Chambers has an amendment to LB 659 to be printed. (Legislative Journal pages 1471-1472.)

Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Beutler would move to adjourn until nine o'clock, Thursday morning, April 12.