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Senator Bourne's example. I mean he, himself, told us that the employee he's talking about was obstinate, and he's found her to be obstinate. I mean, she had a little bit to do with what happened in that case, would be my opinion. I mean, I don't know...I don't know how to justify that, but there comes a point when it comes to unemployment insurance like this, workmen's comp...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...did you say time?

SENATOR CUDABACK: You have one minute, Senator.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: One minute. These costs are rising so terribly fast. If we don't get these costs under control, you know, it affects what we can pay our employees. And I know a lot of people, when they look at business, they think all business is big. It's ConAgra. It's IBP. It's UP. But all business isn't big. These kind of things affect small business also, and it's getting very hard for many of those small businesses to make a living and to pay their employees a decent wage. You know, the cost of healthcare that they try to provide for their employees is skyrocketing and this is just one small way that we can try to get some costs under control. And it affects no one except people that quit without good cause or are fired for misconduct. And even if this bill passes, these people still can collect unemployment insurance,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...unemployment for 13 weeks. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, a confirmation report from the Natural Resources Committee. Your Committee on Government reports LB 819 to General File; LB 940, General File with amendments; likewise with LB 1033 and LB 1118. Senator Preister, an amendment to LB 449 to be printed; Senator Baker to LB 559;