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every disgruntled person is in error, and we should evaluate those matters when they're brought to us. But when a measure like this is brought to the body, and the introducer and his or her supporters are going to do everything they can to get it through the Legislature onto the law books, they've got to understand that I'm going to do everything I can to stop it. And that's what I propose to do. Since I will have plenty of opportunities to discuss this bill and other things if you vote against the cloture motion, I won't take my full ten minutes. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the bracket motion. Open for discussion on the bracket motion of LB 1049. Senator Louden, followed by Senators Vrtiska, Cunningham, Friend, Beutler, and Chambers. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. There's a lot of debate been going on about the chances of people that were in need of being...of receiving their unemployment benefits and not being able to. But the whole question has to be brought up before an adjudicator, and someone has to rule on whether or not they're eligible or ineligible, no matter whether they're fired, or they quit, or what the deal is. Unless it's a drug-type discharge, there...this all has to be reviewed by someone in authority to decide whether or not they will receive their benefits and for what length of time. At the present time, they have it set at 7 to 10 weeks. Senator Cunningham wanted to put it, for those in the extreme cases it would be 13 weeks. So it isn't a case that you're going to really cut those people completely out. Those that need it, and the person that Senator Bourne has talked about, that needs to do their payments and that sort of thing, will probably receive their payments. Those people that really need it and are sincere about it, do. The ones that we're trying to weed out with Senator Cunningham's bill are those that are actually trying to play the system, trying to make it cost more than what it should actually cost. And this is where it's unfair to those people that are trying to be law-abiding and do things that are right. So it isn't a matter of cutting people out that don't deserve something. Most of these people that