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will lapse. The net effect of that will be that people who wish to claim this money will simply go to Iowa or South Dakota as they can. The UCX program is done throughout the nation. So in effect, we cannot stop the double dipping with this language. All we can do is make it inconvenient for people and force them to go to Iowa and South Dakota to collect the federal benefits.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We have got two minutes left on this bill.

SENATOR LANDIS: Fine. I would simply just move the amendment although I wish it were the case where we could create a state prohibition to double dipping. In fact, we cannot do so and have it operate because people can go elsewhere to collect the benefits and we are not really engaging in denying people state money or employer contributions at all. What we are denying them is access to a federal program which they would be able to subscribe to in any other state and probably would do so and all we are doing then is making it inconvenient and that is not a sufficient state purpose, I think, to justify the language that is in the bill. That is why I would move the adoption of my amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to speak to the Landis amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, Mr. President, it is my recollection that about two years ago this issue was very forcefully brought before us by Senator Lewis who is up to his ears in government retirees and he was very forceful in his presentation as to the reasons for the need for this and I think before we move to adopt it, we should give Senator Lewis a chance to reply to Senator Landis' suggestion because it was his baby and he is surrounded with federal employees and I would like to hear what he has to say in response to Senator Landis before being asked to vote on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you wish to speak to the Landis amendment? We have one minute left on the bill.

SENATOR MARESH: Just to say that I support the Landis amendment. This was called to the committee's attention and the committee did not see fit to adopt it but I think it should be adopted to comply with federal mandate.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Landis