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that but I'm open on that.

SENATOR NICHOL: Well, that's good enough. The other one was, this is not chargeable to the employer's account, however if we have very much of this it would be chargeable to everybody, that is every employer, because all employers pay unemployment compensation.

SENATOR LANDIS: That is true. That is correct. There is a place in which you have to draw the money out of the fund at some point and we're all responsible for the fund.

SENATOR NICHOL: That's right.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the amendment primarily because in the first line there it says, when an individual leaves work in order to accept better employment, and I'm wondering who is to judge what is better employment. It seems to me that we would have endless controversy and discussion over this point. I could leave for shorter hours but less pay, and I would think that was better employment, but my employer may not agree, and so I think this is so loosely written that it would not really be workable when you got down to the practical application.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Brennan.

SENATOR BRENNAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill was originally introduced because of several cases which I have expounded upon on the floor before, and particularly the construction worker. For instance, a man has worked for a contractor in Lincoln for twenty years without ever being laid off or losing an appreciable amount of time. The construction company suddenly falls upon bad times and has no work to do. Now the person that is laid off is eligible to collect unemployment compensation. The fact is that it doesn't amount to a fifth of what he usually received. So rather than filing, he finds work out of town. For instance, I talked about a specific case where a man left Omaha, went down to Kansas and went to work. He worked on construction down there. Of course, this necessitated him keeping two