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SENATOR MURPHY: I would like to have somebody interpret that bill as amended, because it comes out in the... (interruption)

PRESIDENT: There is no amendment....

SENATOR MURPHY:most awful Chinese language that you ever saw. Now I don't know how many of you people have tried to read this. Those who have and have stayed with it long enough to understand it, my compliments, but I think this is the awfulest mish-mash of misunderstanding we're going to get into.

-PRESIDENT: Alright, well that's.....

SENATOR MURPHY: I would oppose the adoption of the amendments and the adoption of the bill for that matter.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh, do you wish to have somebody else on the committee close for that purpose then?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Mr. President, since I did not support the amendments, I think the drafter of the amendment, Senator Landis, should close.

-PRESIDENT: Alright, we'll ask Senator Landis then to close on the committee amendments. Now, I'm going to warn again that we only have a few minutes left on this whole bill, so govern yourself accordingly. Senator Landis, you may close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR LANDIS: I'll explain this although it certainly seems a waste of time after the following vote, and I'm surprised that I'm being made to go through this. However, the amendments do two things. Number one, they reduce the disqualification period down from 7 weeks to 5 weeks, which makes it 5 to 10 weeks. Secondly, they also say that where an individual has a series of employments and they have quit to go to another job in the past, and then finally they are laid off, the various leavings of jobs will not accumulate disqualifications since they go from one employment to another, and as we currently now interpret the law, every time an individual changes jobs they accumulate a 7 week disqualification for voluntarily quitting without good cause, so that if you move from say three jobs leaving one for the other and you get better terms of hours, better employment, whatever, you also accumulate a total of say 21 to 30 weeks of disqualifications, and if you get laid off of your third job, all of