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that disqualification comes down on you and you can have a 30 week disqualification based on those job changes. This says, in essence, that the last situation governs and that you do not add together previous disqualifications for people who quit to go from one job to another. That's what the language is. I can see that there is not a great deal of merit, or rather a great deal of support for that on the floor, and why Senator Murphy is having me do this I do not understand. There's a kill motion up there, and I think we should proceed. We have lots more important things to do.

PRESIDENT: The question then is the adoption of the committee amendments on LB 489. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 9 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails. The committee amendments are not adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a motion to indefinitely postpone LB 489, and that's offered by Senator Hefner.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner and we have let's see about 8 minutes. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, and members of the body, I move to indefinitely postpone LB 489. As I understand it, we now have it that 489 changes the 7 to 10 week period to a straight 7 week period for voluntary quitting or for misconduct. I feel that if we pass a law like this it will further erode and weaken our unemployment compensation laws in Nebraska. And ladies and gentlemen, I cannot think of one good reason why we need LB 489. If somebody can tell me this, I will certainly be willing to change my mind. Not only that, but it's going to cost the employers many, many more dollars. It's going to feed the fires of inflation, and these are the things that we're trying to hold down in this day and age. I feel that the program as it now stands is fairly good, and we should be taking care of those employees that are laid, that loses their jobs because they cannot find another job. Therefore, I would earnestly ask your support in indefinitely postponing this bill, LB 489.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.