

housekeeping amendment because the way the amendments are drafted the half percent could be spread out over a whole year instead of over just the twenty-six weeks as unemployment compensation is presently allocated. So, a person would stay unemployed for a longer period of time with no incentive to go back to work by specifying that these half payments shall be made in the initial twenty-six weeks this will spell this out very definitely. I move that this amendment to the committee amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the first amendment. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Okay, record.

CLERK: 21 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Maresh amendment to the committee amendments Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. What is the next one?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh now moves to amend the committee amendments, it is the white request, 2324.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, this is the amendment that I was speaking about to phase in the solvency rate for the high rate unemployment employer. It would, the first year we would go along with the present system, the next year it would be a half percent added to the positive balance and then the third year we would go to the ten percent which would hit the employers harder. We are proposing to have an interim study this year and I hope the contractors and those people will let us know if they have concerns about this solvency rate. It will not effect them for another year so we will have time to work out any changes if they so desire. I hope that the body adopts this amendment to phase it in gradually instead of striking them with the full amounts.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Stoney, do you wish to speak to the Maresh amendment?

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, a question of Senator Maresh if he would respond please. Senator Maresh, I have had some telephone calls over the recess from some small business operators and owners and additionally some in the construction industry who are concerned about this new formula and I assume that this amendment is the new formula that we are talking about adopting.