

or other various forms of employment that are seasonal do, as a matter of course, lay a lot of people off, do use the system. Therefore if you believe in use taxes, Senator Higgins remarked about fairness, if you believe in use taxes is it not fair to require those people who use the system to pay for it. I assume you don't like, if you don't believe in that and if you don't think we should do it then I assume you don't like gas taxes paying for the highways and that sort of thing. One of the big problems with unemployment compensation, one of the big questions that comes up many times in the Business and Labor Committee this past year was the concern of the average businessman up and down the street, large or small, that don't really contribute to the unemployment problem, they really don't lay people off all of the time yet they see their rates going up all of the time. That is one of the reasons that unemployment compensation is looked at with such disfavor by employers. Now it seems to me that it is reasonable that we cause those employers that periodically lay people off, use unemployment compensation to bear the brunt of the burden to pay for it. Now that is the reason for the amendment that Senator Maresh is offering. The contractors indicated to us, said look, we have got our contracts already let for next year. We have got some two year contracts. The cost of administering this solvency fund we are going to have to build into our contracts. I can understand that so the amendment that Senator Maresh is offering would cause this solvency fund to take effect over a three year period, so the contractors wouldn't be hit with it all at once so they could in fact built it into their costs of operation and recover some of those costs. Now it seems to me that Senator Maresh's amendment if your concern is that area, you should certainly vote for Senator Maresh's amendment because it causes the solvency fund to go in effect in a three year period of time. Again, I would emphasize there are some other things in the bill.....

SPEAKER MARVEL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS:and I don't want to discuss the bill because we are discussing this amendment, but there are some other things in the bill that would help out the situation of the seasonal employee so that he was able to take other work during the interim, during the time he was laid off without being disqualified for it later on, which has been happening in the past. So in the end there are probably less people using less money from the fund even though the contracts are going to be asked or the