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SENATOR COPE: There is the difference between...there is two concepts, the one Senator Goodrich gave now and yours and this bothers me because I would hope that it would go down.

SENATOR MARESH: But can you see why the Labor Department would want to raise \$20 million more than they need. It is about like our Board of Equalization, would they if they were given...they have the power to increase the income tax to 20% and probably the sales tax to 4% if they wanted to but do you think it would be politically feasible for them to do so and the same thing with the Labor Department. They are appointed by the Governor and can you see building up a reserve of \$20 million when it wasn't necessary? I think that is just grasping for straws and they are using this to defeat the bill.

SENATOR COPE: But if they are, you said contractors, anyone, alfalfa dehydrators, that do have high unemployment turnovers, if they are increased, then the one that has, the small business or the person, there is no change, should be decreased, right?

SENATOR MARESH: That is correct. That is the reason for the formula.

SENATOR COPE: And that is what you believe this bill will do?

SENATOR MARESH: Definitely. That is why we have this formula to help the small business that have no experience with unemployment. They lose their employees and they never apply for unemployment compensation for their workers so I think they should get some help and that is what this bill is designed to do.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: I move the previous question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do I see five hands? Okay, all those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. To cease debate is the issue. Record.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate ceases. The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh to close on his amendment to the committee amendments.