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LB 394

amendments as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments as amended?

SENATOR MARESH: Yes. Mr. Speaker, I think we have spent a lot of time on this bill and I guess I would like to remind the body that what this bill does, it will cut the benefits 50 percent for those that quit voluntarily or get laid off for misconduct. It will raise the benefit from \$106 weekly to \$116. It will add a provision out of LB 337 which raises the amount of wages necessary to qualify for unemployment benefits to \$1200 in a base period with \$300 in each of two calendar quarters in a base period. This hasn't been changed since 1963. It adds a new section which makes the disqualifications for voluntary quits and discharge for misconduct applicable only to the separation from the most recent work. And it retains the provision of LB 394 setting up a statutory rate table which is the solvency rate. So I move that this bill be advanced to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the committee amendments adopted as amended. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 7 nays on adoption of the committee amendments as amended, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is carried. The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Are there more amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MARESH: Oh, okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the bill from Senator Higgins. Senator Higgins would amend LB 394 to include all farm and ranch employees whether seasonal, full-time or part-time under the Unemployment Compensation Act.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, Senators, I hope I got your attention this time. I want you to think about it. If you are in the farming business and there are certain times