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chosen by the committee. We had to come up with some kind of a figure and that is the amount we are considering now. To get in conformity we had to designate a certain amount that the employee that was laid off for misconduct or voluntary quit that they had to come up with a job and we chose the \$400 figure. They had to earn that much before they would qualify. And I move that the amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the motion is the adoption of the committee amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, the committee amendments are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All right, before we...let me introduce these people and then we will come back. In the north balcony from Senator Schmit's District thirty students from District 1, Butler County, and District 2, Butler County, Mrs. Renken, Jeanne White, Leona Duda, teachers. Are you all up here? Will you raise your hands and show us where you are? We welcome you to the Unicameral. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Yes, Mr. Speaker, the provisions of the bill are: It requires a one week waiting period between two consecutive benefit years. An example of this would be, say a claimant applies for benefits in November, 1980. The benefit year begins, and he receives benefits through March, 1981, works March through September. He is laid off and receives benefits from September through November based on renewal on November, 1980 claim. In November, 1981 the new benefit year begins. Currently there is no break in benefits. The new federal law says that there must be one week break, so that is what this bill provides that there must be a one week break between the benefit years. Another provision in the bill is the Social Security benefits reduce unemployment benefits only when actually received by the claimant, not when applied for, as it is presently. And another provision is, creates special disqualification for extended benefits when individuals quit work without good cause, are discharged for misconduct, fail to actively seek or refuse to accept suitable work. Some requalifying employment is required prior to receipt of any extended benefits. Suitable work during the extended benefit is defined. And no interstate extended benefit shall be paid to an individual who moves to a state which is not paying