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extended benefits. And those are the provisions of the bill. I move that the bill be advanced to E & R Initial. This is to get in conformity with federal law, so we have no choice on this. There was no opposition to this bill at the hearing.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Johnson, your light is on again.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Well, I have a question about this, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I read the committee's notes on the bill and the committee's notes on the bill say, sections 4 and 5 prohibit payment of extended benefits to those individuals who quit work without good cause, are discharged for misconduct, or who fail to actively seek or refuse to accept suitable work as defined. Okay, so the bill under sections 4 and 5 prohibits payment of extended benefits in certain circumstances. Then we passed the committee amendment, and again the notes on the committee amendment says, the amendment adopted prohibits payment of extended benefits to individuals who quit work without good cause or who are discharged for misconduct unless...unless subsequent to such disqualifying separation the individual secures employment and earned wages of at least \$400. Now, does the bill have a conflict in it? On the one hand you can't get any extended benefits if you quit work without good cause. On the other hand by virtue of the committee amendment we just adopted you can get the benefits provided you have had a \$400 earnings along the way. I genuinely can't...I don't know the answer to that question. I mean, do we have a conflict in this bill, Senator Maresh?

SENATOR MARESH: Senator Johnson, it gives...it provides for a penalty that they have to earn \$400. That's the penalty.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: But the question I have is this, Senator Maresh, with the committee amendment on the bill, do we now have in effect a conflict in the bill where one part of the bill says, you can't get extended benefits if you have quit work without good cause or were discharged for misconduct, but with the committee amendment now saying, yes, you can get those extended benefits provided that you have at least earned \$400 somewhere along the line? That is my only question and the only reason I asked the question is because of the way committee notes are prepared to the bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you posing a question to Senator Maresh?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

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