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LB 7

going to matter to me. I am just suggesting this is a simple solution.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the DeCamp amendment to LB 7. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the DeCamp amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries, the amendment is adopted. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would now move to amend.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is the amendment in lawyerlike and statutory language which I tried to have attached to the bill yesterday that deals with a section of this bill on page 5 related to a person who is receiving aid but may participate in a strike. What I have done with the assistance of Senator Johnson is to go to the provisions in the statute that deal with unemployment compensation and we have taken the language from the unemployment compensation to put some type of definition so that we know what participation in a strike means. Where unemployment compensation is concerned, the mere fact that you work for a company which is on strike does not disqualify you from receiving benefits. Your disqualification would be based on something active that you do to participate in or facilitate the strike. So this amendment is the language found in Section 48-628(d) of the statutes as they exist now. And I will read the language of the amendment. "An individual should not be deemed to be participating in a strike if it is shown to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Welfare that, (1). He or she is not taking part in financing or directly interested in the labor dispute which led to the strike. And (2). He or she does not belong to a grade or class of workers of which immediately before the commencement of the strike there were members employed at the premises at which the strike occurs any of whom are participating, financing or directly interested in the dispute". What that language says is that you must be doing something volitional or voluntary which can be interpreted as participating in the strike. With the way the bill is drafted now and the Welfare Department said so at the committee hearing, if the group of which this person is a member goes on strike, the mere fact of the strike would cause this person to be