

a whole lot of money to live on for anybody I think. This is not excessive, this is not unreasonable. It is silly to think that some of us are going to sit here and listen to this idea of waiting for the process to work when it won't work, there's no chance for it to work. There is no opportunity to address this issue other than this approach. And I think we have to open our minds up and allow us to get into this issue. I think we've been far too restrictive, as I said before, by dealing with issues of importance. We're quick to provide whatever the business community thinks they desire here in this Legislature, but are we willing to recognize the legitimate needs of others in this state that don't have the sort of voice that maybe we can always hear? When we talk about the tax break legislation economic development in this state, we talk about the ship sailing off and how wonderful it is, and what a beautiful view we have, however not everybody is on that ship. There are a lot of people that aren't benefiting from the economic recovery we've experienced. There are people without jobs, there are people losing work, and they demand and I think deserve to have recognition and support. We can't just help the wealthy and the strong, we have to understand the unemployed are out there needing our help as well, so let's try and recognize those legitimate needs. I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Lindsay.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lindsay, you have a two and a half minutes.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I would echo, I guess, what Senator Wesely has said as far as whether this will...whether through the legislative process this is going to be heard this year, or maybe not even next year. It is a nonprioritized bill that may not make it up for...onto the floor at all next year, depending on what happens next year. It is a bill that was advanced out of committee. The amendments, I believe, are, from what I can tell, are what the offer was of the business community, the initial offer. I think it is necessary that something be done this year. As January 1 of this year Nebraska received the dubious distinction of being number 50 out of 50 states in terms of worker's...excuse me, unemployment compensation. We have now dropped below Alabama, and without an increase we'll continue to drop. As far as, I think Senator Hall has already mentioned, disqualifications, we're not even on the chart. We're, I think, in number of disqualifications the next state has half as many as Nebraska does. I think it's a travesty that Nebraska treats its