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unemployed workers the way it has chosen to do so. With having a lot of hoops to jump through before you're even entitled to benefits, and once you get them you have 49 states that will pay you a little bit better. I think we've been...we have been good to the business community over the last couple of years. I think in terms of LB 775 and 270 from a couple of years ago...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LINDSAY: ...we did quite a bit to help out business, and I think that's good to strengthen the economic climate. Had I been here I would have supported those bills. But I don't think we can stop by just helping business without helping those who are getting passed by. Yes, Nebraska has a low unemployment rate, but low unemployment rates and strong economies mean absolutely nothing to somebody who has no job and no income. I think it's just a matter of fundamental fairness that something be done about the unemployment rates, and I urge that Senator Hall's motion be voted in the affirmative. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests before Senator Ashford speaks. In the north balcony Senator Wehrbein has 24 students from the Lincoln Elementary School in Plattsmouth, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We also have, in the north balcony, nine members of the Omaha Golden K Kiwanis Club. They are guests of Senator Hannibal and Senator Goodrich. Would you gentlemen please stand. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Ashford, followed by Senator Lindsay.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Mr. President and members, I rise to support the motion filed by Senator Hall. I have tried in the Legislature to support bills which provided incentives for businesses to expand. And as long as those bills and measures are reasonable I'll continue to support them, because I believe that they are important to our economy. But I've also tried to support reasonable legislation to enhance the quality of life for those individuals who, for one reason or another, are no longer employed or have been injured on their job. I will continue to support reasonable measures in the future to do that. I think that I do have some questions about Senator Hall's amendment and would like to debate it a little bit and have some dialogue on it. I think that it is an extremely important measure and needs to be discussed. I don't see any reason to delay it. I think it's one of the...one of those