

types of measures that I think we could debate in a relatively short period of time, have a pretty good understanding of where we stand one way or another on it and vote it up or down. I don't think it's the kind of debate that is going to take all morning or all afternoon. But I do believe it is the kind of debate that is constructive and is important for this body to engage in, even if we do it every year. So, with that, I'm going to encourage the body...I'm going to vote for Senator Hall's motion. I would encourage the rest of the body, no matter whether or not they support Senator Hall's amendment as it now reads, to suspend the rules and let's have a little discussion about this, because I think at times it's a confusing issue to many, the unemployment benefits. And hopefully we can get something done on it this year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, please, followed by Senator Hall.

SENATOR L'ND SAY: Thank you, Mr. President. I don't....

PRESIDENT: Okay. Senator Hall, please, followed by Senator Morrissey.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The issue here is an amended version of LB ...I can't remember what that number is right now off the top of my head, that Senator Lindsay brought to the Business and Labor Committee. It allows for the \$8 increase in 1990 and '91, the \$8 increases where businesses offer to labor. This is not what labor would like to see, but it is a proposal that needs to be passed this year so it can take effect in January of 1990. It is, I guess, the first offer that labor made with regard to the bill that was introduced. There was little comment on the part of labor. What we have proposed here, what I have offered in this amendment that I'm asking you to suspend the rules so it can be before the body, is that this offer, by business, for an increase in the unemployment rate can take effect January 1, 1990. It is not a run on the treasury, so to speak, by labor. It is clearly what businesses offered, what they said we will provide, we will pay for, we are willing to do. All I'm asking you here today to do is to suspend the rules so that this can be before us, because it will not, in a natural order of business, come up this year, it will not happen. I have not fought the germaneness fight, I've come straightforward and asked for a suspension of the rules. And I would hope that you will support that, because