

that business is booming, business is doing well. I don't think there's a recession, at least in those areas we heard talk about. Sure, it's going to affect some businesses adversely. For the most part it's not going to affect to a huge amount. Even if it increases, even if we're at the maximum that Senator Hefner talked about for a positive account employer, even if it increases it 10 percent, we're talking about \$23 annually per employer. So I don't think we're talking about a huge increase. Hopefully the discussion is going to boil down to, are we going to increase it over two years or over one year? And I guess I would give the...I'm going to give the remainder of my time to Senator Coordsen to discuss that, and at the end of that time I think what I would do is withdraw the amendment and we'll argue this policy question on Senator Coordsen's amendment and the rest of the time to Senator Coordsen.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Approximately one and a half minutes, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Lindsay reminded me of something and it won't take me one and a half minutes to say it. That is that the amendment that I'm going to offer was drafted in my office, that the business community offered the \$8 last year in, if they would get other considerations that were pending at that point in time. I don't know that the business community supports \$10 per year. I happen to think it is fair.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: That's it.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Lindsay, you withdrew the amendment. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Coordsen would move to amend. Senator, I have AM2709, I believe that's the one you just delivered to me. (Coordsen amendment appears on pages 1022-26 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Only for the record, this is the amendment, thank you, Mr. Speaker, that we talked about. This would increase the unemployment compensation in Nebraska on January 1, 1991 to \$144 and on January 1, 1992 to \$154. Thank you. I