

another opportunity to further disqualify someone from unemployment benefits for really no good reason and then that unemployed worker will have to go to the hearing and protest, and I know how some of those hearings go. I had a cousin that was...had his protest hearing over the phone on the Thursday night, Thursday afternoon at one o'clock, he got the letter that his protest was declined Friday morning in the mail. I don't know if they have them printed up and they just stamp the names in or what, but that's a true fact that happened just last summer. So any employer can say for any reason he wants that this action that was taken against this employee off the job, off the job, affects the employment relationship the way this is written and then that will disqualify him and then that employee will have to prove that it didn't. And how do you prove something that is so unclear in our state law? This is very bad policy for this state to take and I just urge you to defeat these amendments and pass the original bill that was a very meager increase in workmen's unemployment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Beyer announces the following guests in the north balcony. We have 48 fourth graders from Valley Elementary in Valley, Nebraska, with their teacher. Would you folks please wave. Thank you. We're pleased to have you with us this morning. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend Senator Hefner's amendment. Wherever the words "affects the employment relationship" appear, add following such language, "in connection with performing his or her duties.". (The Chambers amendment appears on page 1045 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the amendment that I offered the first time was correctly characterized by Senator Kristensen as an attempt to set a very high standard. What this one does is not alter the standard at all, it tries to focus in on what that employment relationship is that we're talking about affecting. And I offer the amendment in conjunction with what Senator Hefner gave in response to a question that I asked. What do the words mean to him as they exist in the bill now? And he stated that a truck