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especially, and I don't think that my taxpayers or any or your taxpayers really appreciate our not being able to buckle in and at least address some programs that are questionable, and I put that in this category. Every student, as I mentioned, and one of mine was a newspaper boy. His mother called me, he did not call me, and it made a nice week's vacation, \$460, probably more than my kids ever took at that age. But that is beside the point, it isn't the financial. I did point out one of the students was picked from Grand Island, and if I hadn't recognized the name, I am sure that she may have been appointed, and all of us know what the issue is, and it is just up to you folks to decide where you want to put your money.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you for your closing, Senator Nelson. We will now vote on the motion to advance LB 542. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 3 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 542.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 542 is advanced. LB 411.

CLERK: Madam President, 411 was a bill introduced by Senator Hefner. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of last year, referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by Business and Labor.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, LB 411 is a bill to increase the maximum unemployment rate in Nebraska and this would reflect on negative balance employers. The committee amendment also reflects an increase in the maximum rate that can be charged for an employer but it reduces the bill's rate to half of what is proposed in the bill so that the committee amendment would propose that from the current 5.4 percent maximum unemployment rate on the first \$7,000 of salary that the rate be increased to 5.9 percent in 1992, and 6.4 percent in 1993 and thereafter. And I understand that there is an amendment to the amendment that will be coming along to realign the dates that were in the original bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Mr. Clerk, do you