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counsel over at the Department of Labor, where we ask, you know, what will be the impact on this? How much money is in the fund? I indicated \$145 million is in the fund. How much will this bring in? Less than a million dollars this year. That's not going to make any impact. That's not going to solve any problems with the \$145 million that is in this fund, minimal impact. And the real key, I guess, if you use the...you've heard the argument that these poor positive balance employers who keep their work forces constant, like the one I actually work for, we pay in on my salary and we've not had anybody in my particular business come...draw...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...unemployment forever. We continue to pay in. If this would impact on their...lower their rate somewhat, again, you might have an argument. The question is, how would the bill affect the contributions for positive balance employers? The response is we would anticipate no impact on positive balance employers. This bill would impact, in our estimation, they said last year 1,250 employers in the state. Currently, we find even less than that, 1,132 employers in the state would have rate increases under this bill; bring in less than a million dollars, you put that million dollars into the fund and cycle that back in the rates that positive balance people are paying, there would be no adjustment in those other rates. All this is is a punitive measure on those individuals who have businesses where they have variable work forces. It makes no sense other than to punish people and I would urge that, although the committee amendment is probably an improvement of the bill...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WITHEM: ...that the bill itself should not go forward.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Why did I push my button, Madam Chair? Oh, Senator Withem suggested I call the question. Probably won't. I do understand, certainly, the position that Senator Withem is holding today but the question really is one of unemployment insurance, I suppose insurance is about as good a word as any. And, generally speaking, in insurance the cost is reflective of the risk but the major loser, as it were, doesn't pay the full