

proposal. Senator Abboud, I appreciate the fact the Department of Labor gave us some criteria that I think you said most likely will be implemented. There's no guarantees that those rules and regs are going to be drafted in that manner and I guess my first question is, is there anything that says that before we pass this legislation they might not necessarily have to give us rules and regs? Or why couldn't we...is there anything in the federal law that says we couldn't incorporate that into this statute so we knew just exactly what the criteria was going to be?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: I really don't know the answer to that question, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: And all...Chris, all I'm asking is that...I mean, there's really nothing that says there's not a requirement from the federal government that we enact the legislation as it currently exists. Is that right? I mean, there's nothing to say that we can't amend this proposal, correct, to basically incorporate the criteria that the department is looking at to adopt as their rule and reg? And I mean that's...and, thank you, that's where I...if you would look at it from that perspective, because what I'm...the way I read this, this is the provision that says...if you go back to page 2 of the bill, it says, an unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the Commissioner of Labor finds, then we add a new section. And the new Section 6 that we're dealing with requires, not...I think this provision requires that everyone who is going to receive benefits shall participate in reemployment services as directed by the commissioner, such as job search assistance, if the individual has been determined to be likely to exhaust regular benefits and to need reemployment services pursuant to a profiling system established by the commissioner pursuant to Section 303J1 of the federal Social Security Act, unless the commissioner determines, and then there's two outs, and those are that the individual has completed such services or that there is a justifiable cause for the claimant's failure to participate. That's the one that bothers me because it says you either had done it already or if you fail to participate, that means that the requirement is there for everyone to participate unless you're waived by the commissioner. And those rules and regs, those criteria, for purposes of whether or not you participate, we don't have in