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SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, AM0136 is presently being passed out to you. I would ask you to focus just for a moment, if you would, on page 4 of the bill, that paragraph that begins on line 3 and goes down to line 9. This is the provision that says an employer shall provide transportation for a recruited employee at no cost to the employee to the location from which the employee was recruited. All right, as I understand this, and, Senator Chambers, you correct me if this is wrong, but the intent is to ask these companies to provide transportation costs back to Texas, if that's where the employees came from, and it asks that that be done if the employee resigns from employment four weeks after the initial date, within four weeks, I clarified that, after the initial date of employment and requests transportation at least three days after the employee's last day of employment. Senator, let me ask you a question on this if I may to see if I'm understanding it correctly because I'm not sure that I am. But if an employee resigns a year or two down the line, is it required at that point to provide transportation back to Texas if that's where they came from?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, the purpose of this provision, and that's why it is linked with "and" is to make it clear...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that we're talking about people who work here a very short time. It's only four weeks, it cannot extend beyond four weeks.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I think I misread that provision and I would withdraw that amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. Anything further?

CLERK: I have nothing further to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Back to discussion on the bill itself then, Senator Vrtiska.