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SENATOR CHAMBERS: That person can obtain unemployment compensation, is that true, for that period during which employment was being sought but it was not procured?

SENATOR MATZKE: After he has been paid out his accumulated vacation pay, prorated on the basis of his base wages.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if...

SENATOR MATZKE: Then he becomes unemployed, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: For how long a period is that money that he or she received to be prorated out?

SENATOR MATZKE: Depending on...you would...well, as an example, let's say that an employee can accumulate up to five weeks vacation,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...and the employee is making \$500 a week, that's his base wage. So when his employment ends, he gets a check for \$2,500.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR MATZKE: And that is then prorated over the number of weeks on the basis of his base pay. So it's just as if he were getting wages for another five weeks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right.

SENATOR MATZKE: So he cannot start drawing unemployment compensation till that five weeks is up.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But once that is over,...

SENATOR MATZKE: He's unemployed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...then the unemployment occurs. Not any time during that five weeks that the lump sum would cover is that person entitled to unemployment compensation?