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SENATOR MATZKE: That's right, because he is still getting, in effect, his base wage. He's not...he's...he's not entitled...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...to unemployment compensation during that five weeks. Now also, just by way of clarification, there's a provision, always been one in our law, that there's a one-week waiting period.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Um-hum.

SENATOR MATZKE: So, it would actually be six weeks, to be absolutely technically correct, before that employee could start drawing unemployment compensation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So when you use the term in this law of proration, you don't mean that you look at the total amount of time for which that person was unemployed and spread that lump sum payment over that entire period. You just deal with the number of weeks that that amount of money would cover.

SENATOR MATZKE: Right. There has to be...the employer would have to comply with both of the provisions to which you have made reference, the proration, but it would be prorated on the basis of the base wage. You can't stretch it out. You can't take our fictitious employee with getting a check...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR MATZKE: ...for \$2,500 and say, well, you're going to get \$100 a week for 25 weeks. That wouldn't be fair to disqualify him that long.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR MATZKE: It's prorated on the basis of the base wage, and that determines the number of weeks.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, your light is still on.