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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, Mr. Speaker, I will subtract from my time Senator Matzke's answer, because it was in response to my question. And I appreciate the Chair indulging us so that he could give a complete answer. Thank you, Senator Matzke. Members of the Legislature, I'm still not certain that I like this bill, and I'm still not certain that it will be applied in the way that Senator Matzke described, because, as I read the language, I don't arrive at the same conclusion. On page 10, the new language says, "Vacation leave pay, including that received in a lump sum or upon separation from employment, shall be prorated in an amount reasonably attributable to each week claimed and considered payable with respect to such week." I don't see it as operating in the way Senator Matzke described. That may be the intent, but if you are claiming three months, proration means that you would have to prorate it over each of the weeks in that three-month period. I'd like to ask Senator Raikes a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Raikes, have you followed this discussion?

SENATOR RAIKES: I've tried, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Will you look at the new language on page 10.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, I'm looking at it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you see anything in that language which says that it would apply in the way that Senator Matzke explained?

SENATOR RAIKES: I would be interested in your...an example, Senator, as to how you think it might not apply.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If a person is going to claim unemployment for a period of three months, then you would prorate that amount received in the lump sum over that three-month period. And, as a result, no one of those weeks would cause that recipient to