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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, let's say, in the example that I gave Senator Matzke, the person had been receiving unemployment compensation for 10 of those 17 weeks, so that we do have a situation where the person had received some unemployment benefits. Then the person is cut off for the remaining seven weeks, and the dispute over those seven weeks is resolved in court in behalf of the unemployed worker. The fact that time has passed, the fact that he or she had received some payment does not take away the right of that person to receive that which remains. So here's why I gave that example. If a court would read this language the way that I'm reading it, it makes no difference that Senator Matzke, representing the employer who does not want to see unemployment benefits paid, it makes no difference that he would argue, based on my intention, this proration that we're talking about meant that we would only divide that lump sum by the number of weeks which would entitle that person to a full amount equal to his or her base salary. If that's what they mean, why don't they just say it. Why don't they just amend this language to say what it is they're talking about. If what they mean by proration is that you allow this money to dribble out to cover the number of weeks which would entitle the person to a full week's base salary, let 'em say that. But when they use general language, talking about proration, based on each week claimed, there is nothing that says each week claimed within the amount that would be covered and allow the person a full week's base salary. It says, "each week claimed". And there will be additional weeks claimed beyond that five. And in the same way that the person can go to court and have a ruling that he or she was entitled to those remaining seven weeks that we discussed in the earlier example, I believe a person could go to court and argue that when we talk about weeks claimed we mean the weeks during which that person was unemployed. And since that is the period, the time during which the person is unemployed, we look at the number of weeks which can be claimed during that period. And if there would be 12 weeks, then we prorate this money out and base the amount that would cover each week on the number of weeks being claimed.