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SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I think you understand with the economy the way it is there's a projection that the unemployment costs are going to continue to rise and so this is why we're...it was the attitude to try to protect the solvency of the fund and so that when the time came there would be money there to pay out those who were unemployed.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Last question and I'll let it go. What...remind me how the mechanism of the fund works. In order to reduce employer contributions...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...is that automatic in any way based upon the amount in the fund, or does it have to be a specific...how...what is the mechanism by which the employer contribution is changed?

SENATOR VRTISKA: They...there are hearings held each year on the projected outflow and the projected income, and then it's adjusted accordingly.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so that's a Department of Labor decision?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Thank you very much, Senator.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Vrtiska to close. Seeing no...seeing...Chair would recognize...

SENATOR VRTISKA: I waive closing.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Vrtiska waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments, AM0458, to