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March 13, 2003 LB 197

LB 197. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Committee amendments are adopted. Further amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair would recognize Senator Jim Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I did talk with John Albin outside the glass and he said that the additional 13 weeks that the President signed is 100 percent federally funded, so that that will not be any burden to the state whatsoever. So I just thought I'd let the body know that, so there will be no state funds as...to the additional 13 weeks of unemployment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Further discussion on the bill? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Vrtiska to close.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to remind the body that before any of these monies can be used for the purpose that we were talking about out of this trust fund, it will have to come before the Legislature for approval. We can't just...the Labor Department just can't use these, particularly if they're used for a specific project. It has to come before the Legislature, so I thought I should make that clear to the body. With that, I will return my time back and ask for advancement of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. The question is the advancement of LB 197 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.