SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to thank Senator Bourne for bringing this bill. It's a very much needed bill here in the state of Nebraska, and it certainly doesn't have much of a financial impact, so I urge your support of this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Further discussion? Seeing no lights on, Senator Bourne. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is advancement of LB 986 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 986 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 986.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next legislative bill, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 1049, a bill by Senator Cunningham. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 13 of this year, at that time referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Cunningham, to open on the advancement of LB 1049.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I would like to start just giving you a little background to this bill. Last year I introduced LB 251 to begin the discussion of Nebraska's unemployment system. My interest in this topic began when several constituents contacted me about the unfairness of our present unemployment system that allows benefits to be paid after a seven- to ten-week disqualification period to an employee who quits without good cause or who is fired for misconduct. Now I want to emphasize that I am not referring to workers that quit for good cause. A finding of good cause allows faster access to unemployment benefits. In order to constitute good cause, the reasons for terminating one's employment must be related to such employment, as opposed to