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SENATOR BOURNE: Okay.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...of a lot of people that would seem like were pretty gross...

SENATOR BOURNE: Right.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: ...items of misconduct and they still collected.

SENATOR BOURNE: So if I find...if I'm currently employed and I find a better job, that is not encompassed within the definition of "without good cause"?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Right, that would be without good cause.

SENATOR BOURNE: So just finding a better job...well, but then why would you qualify for unemployment?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: You shouldn't. You wouldn't get unemployment.

SENATOR BOURNE: I understand. Okay, well, I'm struggling...thank you, Senator Cunningham. I'm struggling to get ahold of exactly what this does. And when you look at the fiscal note and it saves the unemployment compensation pool \$4.5 million, that's coming out of somebody's pocket. Thank you, Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you.

SENATOR BOURNE: Here's my concern. I have a constituent. I'll articulate this problem that I had with...actually with Douglas County this summer. I had a constituent, 52-year-old woman, high school education, did clerical work for the county. And she called me because she was terminated for misconduct. They never would tell me exactly why she was terminated, but talking to my constituent, the problem was, is that they brought in a new manager to run this department and my constituent and this manager butted heads. They had a personality conflict. And