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SENATOR LOUDEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. What my amendment does is allow people that are 65 years of age that are on Social Security, that when they draw their unemployment benefits they won't be discounted their Social Security check out of their unemployment. In other words, they can draw their full unemployment benefits. At the present time, if...their Social Security benefits are deducted from their unemployment compensation. And that's...was my amendment to LB 1049.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden, for that review. Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek would move to amend Senator Louden's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the Louden amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, I'd like to pass over it at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered. We're back to discussion of the Louden amendment, AM2291. Open for discussion. Senator Bourne, followed by Senator Hartnett. Senator Bourne, on the Louden amendment, AM2291.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I think we need to have some discussion on this bill again this morning. As we talked yesterday, I'm concerned that we are snaring people that depend on these benefits that were maybe terminated for a reason other than...you know, I had articulated to you my constituent who had...was a 13-year county employee up in Douglas County, and they brought in a new manager, and there was a personality conflict, and rather than trying to work through that personality conflict, my constituent ends up being terminated, and was fired for misconduct. They never would articulate the reason that she was fired. But in the meantime, I just want to tell you what happened to her. A 52-year-old woman, high school education, did clerical-type work for the county, and was fired. In the meantime, she still to this day