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SENATOR LOUDEN: No, on the green copy of the bill, on page 6 there, the way I understand it, it explicitly rules out military service-connected disability compensation isn't part of the compensation that would deduct any unemployment benefits. So...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well,...okay.

SENATOR LOUDEN: This is where we inserted the amendment, between it and...or before that, for the Social Security benefits. And so we'd be treating the Social Security benefits the same way as the military disability compensation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, that's the way it seems to me too. And you're reading the sentence that says, military service-connected disability compensation payable shall not be deemed to be a disqualifying or deductible from the benefit amount. Is that the sentence you're reading?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I'm sure it is.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Yeah, on page 6?

SENATOR BEUTLER: On page 6, right. Okay. Thank you, Senator Louden. You see, I think we make a clear distinction between compensation and salaries, and what a person has by virtue of other income that is not compensation. A disability payment you do not deduct. It explicitly says so in the green copy. So why should you deduct your Social Security? To me, those things are in the same category. Senator Schimek's compensation for the military, that's salary. That's not in the same category. So that's why I'm against her amendment. But it seems to me that we don't have an assets test either, do we, Senator Louden? If you have \$10,000 worth of stock, we don't deduct that before we give you your unemployment compensation, do we?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: I'd have to look through that, Senator Beutler, a little bit. There's parts in that statute that addresses