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concerns, I would...I still would support the bill on that concept. But I think it is difficult. Once again, Senator Loudon, on the amendment itself, the seasonal part, like I say, I think most seasonal employers recognize the need to pay their...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...seasonal employees during the wintertime, if you will. And I would understand that. And...but there's a difference of opinion among employers about the employee, paying that unemployment. So, thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Vrtiska, on the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just wanted to weigh in on this a little bit. I understand that what we're really supposed to be talking about is Senator Schimek's bill. But I'm not as concerned about that as I am the underlying bill and amendment that was filed earlier. Appreciate what Senator Brown said, even though Senator Chambers thought it was wrong. I have to tell you that I think one of the issues we're going to have to demonstrate here is some protection for the Unemployment Insurance Fund. In talking to the people in the Labor Department, they're telling me that there's about \$90 million in that fund right now, and we're paying out about \$3.8 million a week. Do the math yourself. There's either going to be an increase in the...what's paid into that fund, or it's going to run out. It's just that simple. And I think we need to understand that before we start...and that was part of the reason, frankly--I sat in on the meeting that Senator Cunningham talked about--that was a part of the reason why there was this attempt to try to save some of that money through disallowing those people...or making those people wait a longer time to get their money when they quit without good cause or are fired for misconduct. And I, frankly, think that the business people, the people who hire people, ought to have the right in those instances to make some adjustments in how they pay out, how their fund is paid out, because if we don't do that, we're going to raise the fund to the place where