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at a productive job. People that are affected by the ruling are folks that want to be independent and self-supporting. We should do whatever we can to allow people in this age group to be self-supporting as long as they feel they are willing and able. The cost of implementing this amendment is not excessive. According to the Department of Labor, the cost would be somewhere between \$60,000 and \$131,000 a year for the entire state. And it is way better to allow some funding for senior citizens that are willing to work and be independent than to continue to allow legislation to be in place that penalizes ambitious people. It is very important for senior citizens to be able to work, be independent, and be productive. If the premiums are being paid for these people, then they are entitled to the benefits. This situation was brought to my attention by a constituent, a Mr. Olson (phonetic), after he worked at a job all summer. He then tried to apply for unemployment after the job closed down. When applying, he was notified that his unemployment benefits would be decreased by one-half of his Social Security income. I circulated one piece of paper around the Chamber, and the constituent's weekly unemployment benefit would have been \$142. But according to Section 48-628, one-half of his Social Security benefits would be deducted, which is \$97, and his weekly employment was then down to \$45, instead of the \$142. I have since made inquiries and found instances of senior citizens receiving as little as \$4 a week. And I think we owe it to our senior citizens that want to be productive the chance to be treated equally with others. I urge the adoption of AM2291 to LB 1049. And this is legislation that can improve the well-being and lifestyle of a class of senior citizens that are trying to be independent. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Louden. You've heard the summary by Senator Louden. Senator Schimek, would you like to give a summary of your amendment to the Louden amendment?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President and members, this is the amendment that has to do with the military service and for those who have served in the service in an international conflict or national emergency. And it actually, on the amendment, on page 1, line 4, before "and" you would insert "compensation related to military service in an international