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in committee. What in the world is happening around here? Maybe they went someplace and drank something in the water. But when this kind of stuff is done publicly, I'm going to deal with it publicly. If I were gone three weeks, if...I might criticize the Legislature, but if I did it, it would be tongue in cheek. I wouldn't say it's the worst session since I've been here. I would say it's probably the best session you have had because I was not here. I have a lot to say this morning, Mr. President. But that's all for now, because my time is up. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion of the Schimek amendment, Senator Bourne, followed by Senators Schimek, Loudon, and Chambers. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm glad that we have an opportunity to continue this discussion. And again, I just want to bring us back to exactly what the bill does. And right now, if an individual leaves employment for no good cause, or if they are fired for misconduct, they have to wait from 7 to 10 weeks to collect unemployment benefits, depending on--and Senator Cunningham will correct me if I'm wrong--depending on how egregious the misconduct was for which they were terminated. And I had articulated to you...I told you a story about a constituent that I have who was fired because of a personality conflict with a new manager. This lady, I had inadvertently said she was 52 years old, and she promptly called me up and chewed me out because she's only 50 years old. But the facts other than that are essentially accurate. She's a 50-year-old woman, was some sort of...did clerical work, and was terminated because of a personality conflict, did not qualify for benefits for 10 weeks. Now Senator Cunningham talked about, on General File, how it must have been...she must have been particularly...done some particular misconduct in order to be disqualified for 10 weeks. Well, what happened was, she did not realize that she could appeal that. And my understanding, after I've explored this a little bit, they give you an automatic 10-week disqualification period; you have to appeal that, and then they'll lower it to 7. Well, she applied, they said 10-week waiting period, she didn't say anything to me about it, as her state senator. And by the time I was involved, the appeal time had lapsed and we were unable to appeal, and I