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this bad bill. And I'm going to vote against Senator Louden's amendment while I'm at it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Beutler, on the Louden amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, although I agree with Senator Chambers generally about the bill, I don't agree with him with respect to Senator Louden's amendment. As I understand the situation, if a person, for example, had a 401(k) plan from some company that he hadn't worked for, for three or four years, for example, the benefits that he gets from that 401 plan would not be deducted for purposes of unemployment insurance. It's a form of retirement payment, and Social Security is a form of retirement payment. I think they are similar and should be similarly treated. So I think what Senator Louden is suggestion is...suggesting is fair for people and, beyond that, I think it's good public policy in the sense that we all know that people are living a lot longer. The age of retirement is becoming very broad. Many more people are entering the age of retirement. We need to have people working longer, we need it as a society, and it probably should happen because we're healthier, we're more capable of working longer. And anything like this, which is what...anything like this that...like this amendment of Senator Louden's which has the indirect effect of encouraging people to work is a good thing, in my opinion. And so I'm parting company from Senator Chambers on this one. And, Senator Louden, I just wanted to make that...make these short remarks because when I previously addressed your amendment I failed to address your amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Vrtiska. May I make an announcement first, Senator Vrtiska? (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Vrtiska. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm sorry, I was momentarily tied up.

SENATOR CUDABACK: That's fine.