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rich individual who just wants to...he wants to go mow the lawns at the golf course as well. Obviously they don't mow the yards in the wintertime. So he's laid off in September. There's nothing to prevent a guy that's drawing a \$2,000 a month Social Security check from qualifying for unemployment insurance under Senator Louden's amendment either. And whether they would do that or not I don't know. But again, what I'm suggesting is, Senator Louden's amendment is too broad. Yes, it does limit the current status of the law...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Combs, motion to reconsider.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I do consider the Louden amendment good. I am going to support that and the underlying amendment also. I just did want to make a point about the mathematics that we're talking about with this amendment. If we look at the fiscal note, it's nearly \$10 million for two years. We've heard how poor the benefits Nebraska gives out to its recipients rate across the United States. Well, perhaps if the funds in the fund were better appropriated, we could give people more money. Ever think about that? What a novel idea. Other insurance pools, risk management pools for health care, any other insurance pool, when they have a need like we do, to boost the trust fund, to pay out claims, before they lean on rates going up, like we have to do for employers, they look at how the money is being utilized. It would be unconscionable, for a private insurance industry to have this kind of waste and misappropriation going on, intentional utilization of unemployment meant for catastrophic loss of wages used as an entitlement program in the private sector. It's not tolerated. It's not tolerated in health insurance. We see it on 60 Minutes where the chiropractors have taken van loads of kids from the ghetto and brought them in to use their welfare stickers, and they charge the government for that treatment, and the kids have come into the office and just played with some toys and then been taken back to the ghetto.