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insurance benefits is \$13,560.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BOURNE: Now my calculations would be this, that if 5 percent of that population was unemployed, they would be...they would qualify for \$130 a week, because they make \$13,560 a year. A 5 percent unemployment rate would be an additional \$5,217,000 draw on the fund. If 10 percent of that population were unemployed, they would draw \$10,435,000 from the fund. And so what I'm suggesting--and I've got some additional numbers, and there are some qualifiers, because you can't get unemployment insurance unless you meet certain criteria. But I'm saying, we have opened this up to a huge exposure to the fund. And I suggest that the exposure to the fund by adding the over-65 is far greater than the benefit that will be gained from Senator Cunningham's original bill. I've got some additional information. I'm going to push my light on, and I'll give that to you if you're interested.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. On with discussion of the Beutler amendment, AM2814, to LB 1049. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Beutler, Loudon, and Bourne. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Beutler is trying to bring a clean thing out of an unclean thing. And unless his name is Clorox or Purex, he cannot do it. Members of the Legislature, this is a bad bill. Senator Cunningham and I have no illusions about where each or the other stands. He thinks he's got a cloture vote; I don't. So I can be shown wrong, but that's what he's going to have to go for. And the same set of circumstances we had when he got cloture on General File will exist now, except there are only 12 days left. Now maybe everybody who voted cloture with him last time has gotten everything out of the way that he or she wants. Senator Cunningham is disingenuous, meaning not straightforward, when he gives his argument about the impact of this bill. He says the only ones affected are those who left work without good cause. That's not true. But let's say that it is. See, this bill also deals with people who did not go applying for work.