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followed by Senator Chambers, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR BOURNE: (Laugh) Well, that's hard to follow, Mr. President, members. I think Senator Louden and I have a different philosophy. I think unemployment insurance should be available to those people who have no other sources of income, to make sure they can pay their rent, make their car payment, keep some groceries on the tables. I don't believe unemployment insurance should be for individuals who have other sources of income, like individuals on Social Security, or Senator Schimek had filed an amendment, or discussed an amendment on General File that said that somebody getting National Guard pay should be able to qualify for unemployment insurance. I don't think they should. I agree with Senator Louden's numbers that he cited, saying that as of today, 140 or however many people it was that are on Social Security can qualify for unemployment insurance. But I also think that it's an accurate statement to say that if we change the status of the law, as Senator Louden's amendment does, and say that Social Security benefits no longer will offset unemployment insurance, that you're going to see an increase in the usage of the Unemployment Insurance Fund by senior citizens, or people on Social Security. So again, there are 41,000 individuals in Nebraska that are age 65 and over either working or looking for work. Now some of those are ag-related folks, and I understand they can't qualify, or don't qualify for unemployment insurance. I also wanted to point out, in the interest of full disclosure, Senator Louden, that in order to claim benefits for unemployment insurance, you have to actively be looking for work. Now, you know, that would be a...probably a disincentive for someone to file, because you actually have to go out and look for work. I had made an analogy on General File that if somebody was working at a golf course or something and was laid off in the fall, they could qualify for benefits. Well, in fairness, they have to go out and actually put in some applications and be looking for work in order to get it. And I also will tell you that 28 states do not have a Social Security offset, and so 28 states are doing what Senator Louden is recommending. But I don't know what their senior population is. But again, let me just give this to you. These numbers just kind of...if there's a fault in my logic, I'm sure Senator Louden will point it out. But there's 41,000