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message, that we have a couple of senators on the floor who are opposed to this proposal but no one came in to oppose the bill when the hearing was held. Unemployment compensation is intended to provide benefits to workers who are out of work through no fault of their own. What we're talking about in this bill is someone that quits their job without good cause or who are fired for misconduct. I think there has to be some responsibility. I see this over and over and over, as I become and have become involved in government programs, that there seems the more we provide oftentimes the less responsibility that people take. And I feel that this is an example of where, again, unemployment compensation is intended to provide benefits to workers who are out of work through no fault of their own. And on the committee summary, it says there are a number of states that do not allow one to collect benefits at all after leaving work without good cause. They do not allow it at all. What this bill is proposing is just to extend the time before they can begin collecting. In most of those states, such workers can eventually obtain benefits, but only after having gained employment again and contributing wages for taxes, which is called "requalification." In fact, Nebraska is one of only five states that do not utilize a requalification system. So people can come back and collect unemployment without trying to seek employment. So those are my remarks and I give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Landis, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Schimek, members of the Legislature, I oppose the bill, going to vote against its advancement. But it puts me in an interesting spot because I'm told to vote on the bracket motion as an indicator of my cloture vote which is I'm going to vote for cloture. So I'm not exactly sure what to do. I would be inclined to bracket the bill. But, in fact, I simply don't support it. Here's what we do in Nebraska for unemployment compensation. We have low rates, generally speaking, and we have a high number of disqualifications, but the disqualifications are not as extreme as the fewer number of disqualifications that occur in some other states. We penalize more workers than most states or, in fact, any other state as a