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of sin is death. This bill constitutes the sin; therefore, the appropriate recompense is death. This bill has to die. What I had thought of yesterday, in terms of dividing the question, was to have only two divisions. One would have dealt with the most obnoxious part, as far as I'm concerned, which would have, across the board, changed periods of disqualification which currently exist from 6...from 7 to 10 weeks, to 13 weeks. The wicked business community says that I and others who are concerned about people who lack employment look at only three weeks being added to the ten weeks maximum for which they'll be disqualified, or the three weeks tacked to the seven weeks maximum which under certain circumstances would be the case. But that's not really the way it works. That's the way it would work if three weeks were to be the number. But when it comes to the 7-week disqualification period, 6 additional weeks are added to bring it up to 13. Three weeks are added to the 10 to bring it up to 13, and that's supposed to be some kind of compromise? Why, that is ridiculous and preposterous. So I have decided to assume the onerous task of killing this bill unless those who support it are willing to reach an accord. With all of the material in this bill, and all of the pages that comprise this bill, if they will agree to strike Section 10, I will leave the bill alone and it can go on its merry way, wherever that happens to be. The business community does not want to do that and they've sent instructions in here, and they're the same instructions that were sent in here last session and the instructions were not complied with. There were people on the floor last session, in addition to myself, who had concerns about the working people. I know what my position is today. It has not changed from being opposed to this amendment, but it has become more determined than it was last time--my opposition, that is. This bill was offered as a committee priority bill, and that's how it's on the agenda today. But the mere fact that a bill winds up on the agenda, no matter by which route, guarantees that it's going to pass into law. So I'm going to do what I can to generate enough opposition to this bill to prevent it from becoming law. There naturally are other subjects of a related nature that I will discuss along the way. Whereas the business community has gotten the Business and Labor Committee and so-called organized labor to go along with this bill, they have also persuaded the Revenue Committee to advance an