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SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Could you restate that, Senator Chambers. What page?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, page 26.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Oh, 26.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I'm not in a hurry. All I have is time.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Say the line again, 23?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, line 23.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you see the word "ten"?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, just to be sure we're together. I would strike "ten" and insert "20."

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What this provision says, and Senator Cunningham touched on it without explaining it, for any benefit year beginning on or after January 1, 2001, an individual weekly benefit amount shall be one-half his or her average weekly wage rounded down to the nearest even whole dollar. Now I'm taking it point by point, and we haven't gotten to my amendment yet because it's simple in what it does. Senator, I'd like to ask you a question about that language in existing law that I have read which shows that business is to be benefited even when we're talking about pennies. Why would this amount be rounded down to the nearest whole dollar rather than rounded up?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: I can't tell you that, Senator Chambers. I believe that language just came from the Department of Labor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what difference would it make, since