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 LR 62

LB 516. And a new resolution, Mr. President: LR 62, by Senator Stuhr. That will be laid over. And that's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 966-968.)

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now move on to General File, 2005 committee priority bills. Mr. Clerk, first bill, LB 739.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 739 was a bill originally introduced by Senator Cunningham. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 19 of this year, referred to the Business and Labor Committee, advanced to General File. There were committee amendments. Those amendments have been divided, Mr. President, into four components. A sheet, I believe, was distributed to the membership when the bill was last discussed, last Thursday. When the Legislature left the issue, FA109, which is the first component of the committee amendments, was pending. And Senator Chambers had pending to that component FA108. (FA109, Legislative Journal page 909.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Cunningham, would you give us a short review on LB 739, please?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I'll give you a short overview of the divided question that we're working on right now. And I believe that's Sections 5, 7, 10, and 12 of the bill. Section 5 is a two-year benefit freeze, with a maximum increase of \$10 per year every year after that. Section 7 puts in statute some additional good cause quits. And it also, what it would mean, some of those new items put in statute would be able to collect unemployment compensation immediately, rather than a 7- to 10-week waiting period as is in current law. Section 10 is the extra disqualification going from 7 to 10 weeks, to a new 13 weeks. And Section 12 explains that the good cause quits that we talked about in Section 7, two of those, the ones, specifically, accompanying a spouse to another job, or the ones that referred to certain construction workers, anybody that quit in those areas, the...it would not go against the employer's experience rating; it would go into the