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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham, would you like to give us a review on what took place with LB 739?

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. As you remember, when we left session two days ago we were discussing the split bill, I guess it was FA109, and we discussed all day on the wage freezes and also the 13 weeks, the disqualification period for 13 weeks. And I believe we're getting closer to some sort of an agreement. We're waiting for an amendment to come down. So with that, I will yield my time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Senator Chambers, would you like to review FA115 to the committee amendments? Senator Chambers. (Legislative Journal page 910.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I was speaking to the Chair of the Executive Board on an issue that is relatively...well, very important, so I missed what you told me that you want me to do.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Cunningham has reviewed LB 739 itself, so would you like to review your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 739?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would be...and what is the number of that one that I will be talking about?

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA115, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, because we are working on a settlement of sorts which will at least make it possible for the bill to move to Select File, I'm going to discuss this amendment, because time is needed to get that other amendment properly drafted. What Section 7 deals with is the listing, I believe, of the reasons constituting good cause for voluntarily leaving employment. When we use the term voluntary, it means, at least in a legal sense, that there is no coercion, no pressure, whether it be psychological, physical, or otherwise. If anything extraneous to a person's will is brought to bear which will induce that person to do something other than what he or she would do if left completely free to make a choice, then that choice,