

Affirmative: 122

Negative: 0

(See Roll Call No. 2133)

Delegate Rummage for the Committee on Economic Matters reported favorably:

Senate Bill No. 1 - By The President (Administration):

EMERGENCY BILL

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance - Additional Benefits

Favorable report adopted.

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1

Offered from the floor by Delegate Neall:

Amendment No. 1 -

In line 51 on page 1, after "insurance benefits" insert:

"; providing that, notwithstanding certain provisions of laws, rules, or regulations, an individual shall be disqualified under certain circumstances for additional benefits under this Act for failure to actively engage in seeking work and for failure to apply for and accept suitable work".

Amendment No. 2 -

After line 165 on page 3, insert:

"(4) NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 6(D) OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY:

(I) AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR ANY WEEK OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE INDIVIDUAL'S ELIGIBILITY PERIOD DURING WHICH HE FAILS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN SEEKING WORK. THE DISQUALIFICATION SHALL CONTINUE THEREAFTER UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN EMPLOYED DURING AT LEAST 4 WEEKS WHICH BEGIN AFTER HIS FAILURE TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN SEEKING WORK AND HAS EARNINGS THEREIN EQUAL TO AT LEAST 4 TIMES HIS WEEKLY ADDITIONAL BENEFIT AMOUNT FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SEEKING WORK" MEANS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ENGAGED IN A SYSTEMATIC AND SUSTAINED EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO