

HB 372 -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

SPONSOR: Trent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Small Business by a vote of 5 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 1.

A claimant may not be determined ineligible for unemployment benefits because of not actively and earnestly seeking work if the claimant is temporarily unemployed through no fault of his or her own and has a definite recall date. This bill changes the definite recall date from eight to four weeks, which the Director of the Division of Employment Security may extend to eight weeks.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill promotes people getting back to work as soon as possible.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Trent; Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; and the National Federation of Independent Business.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.