

**Senator Paul Campbell's Remarks on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.**

Last week the Senate debated a very important bill to pay back the insolvent Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. Thankfully, it was passed. First, let me congratulate Senate LCI Chairman Greg Ryberg and his committee for their very hard work and diligence.

The bill does the following: It pays back the almost \$900 million we owed the federal government in a little amount of time. It gains solvency in the Trust Fund. And, it eliminates paying more interest to the Feds than we have to.

It is a complex and complicated bill. Most of us had to learn it very quickly because of the importance to pass this year. It includes a twenty tier system, thousands of businesses, and a lot of money. Though we had to be deliberate, we could not stall on passing this bill. Congratulations to all of you for passing this vital piece of legislation.

I stand before you today because there were some things said about some very good businesses here in South Carolina. Staffing companies got hammered pretty good in the heat of debate last week.

I would like to spend a couple of minutes to tell you about how these companies positively impact our economy and how these companies positively impact the good people of South Carolina. Staffing firms create thousands of jobs each year here in South Carolina. Out of the 900 staffing firms in South Carolina, most of them are your mom and pop businesses right around the corner from each one of you. Staffing firms employ 200,000 South Carolinians each year. That is the equivalent to 40 BMW facilities. Each year, staffing firms bridge over 60,000 South Carolinians to permanent jobs. A staggering statistic, staffing firms account for over \$1 billion in wages each year. But, most importantly, the 900 staffing firms that put 200,000 South Carolinians to work are a vital part of our efforts to lower the unemployment rate, create jobs, and create capital investment and economic development. They are integral in putting good folks back to work.

The staffing people took it pretty hard on the chin last week with some of things said here in these chambers. I just wanted to make sure these companies absolutely know that our state and the Senators here appreciate what the people of these companies do for us every day.

Thank you Mr. President.

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[Senator Larry Martin asked that these remarks be printed in the Journal]