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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 360, L.D. 452, Bill,
"AN ACT Relating to Refusal to Accept Work as Disqualifi-
cation for Benefits under the Employment Security Law."

Amend the bill by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph
of paragraph A and inserting in its place the following:

'In determining whether or not any work is suitable
for an individual after the first 12 consecutive
weeks of his unemployment, the commission shall
consider the degree of risk involved to his health,
safety and morals, his physical fitness and prior
training, the distance of the available work from his
residence and the cost of travel to the available
work. Any work otherwise suitable after the first
12 consecutive weeks of unemployment shall not be
deemed unsuitable if it gives to the individual wages
at least equal to 120% of his weekly benefit amount
for total unemployment and provided that the wages,
hours or other conditions of work are not substantially
less favorable to the individual than those prevailing
for similar work in the locality. The provisions in
paragraph B shall apply in determining the suitability
of any work.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment revises the "suitable work" test for individuals totally unemployed for more than 12 weeks by adding the following considerations:

1. Physical fitness and prior training;
2. Cost of traveling to available work;
3. Wages offered at least equal to 120% of ^{the} person's benefit amount; and
4. Wages and other conditions of work must be comparable to those prevailing for similar work in the locality.

The purpose of the amendment is also to comply with the mandatory minimum labor standards as provided in section 3304, paragraph (a) (5) of the Federal Unemployment/^{Tax} Act.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Labor.

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