

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this is about a deficit bill that is the reason I'm bringing this forward at this point. It has to do with spending authority so I want to make it clear to everyone, before we start, that this is not an increase in spending or in money as far as an appropriations, but it is a bill to increase the spending authority of the DAS Specialized Office Services which is SOS is what I will use the term. Specialized Office Services that is revolving fund money in the Department of Administrative Services is requesting an increase at this point of spending authority, once again, of \$750,000 to complete the fiscal year as of between now and the first of July. For your information, the definition of a revolving fund is a fund used to establish...to finance an account for services and goods furnished by a designated agency or department, in this case Personnel, SOS, to other agencies and departments within state government. So the money going into this revolving fund comes from the agencies that are using the pool, Specialized Office Services, and then when the workers that are being hired on a temporary basis are paid through the SOS funding via the money that has gone to SOS from the agencies originally, usually from nonpersonal services...nonpersonal services funds. Basically within their current appropriation, agencies may obtain temporary employment services through SOS similar to but a lower cost than a private sector employment services. It's one that was created here in state government about five years ago rather than going outside for Kelly Services or other privates which are also being used to some degree, too, but primarily this makes it in-house for the state and has been attempted in the last few years to bring it most...more of the temporary services in under this umbrella. That is one of the reasons that we have seen an increase in the services of this because there has been increased use. And so we have had an increase of about, I can't find my number, we go to about \$3.8 million which will include this \$750,000 of authority to spend. And so we are offering this at this point to overcome this problem we have right now of a deficit in spending authority so that the pool may continue to operate as it is without having to go back and recompute, displace workers, lay off workers, have some go permanent at this point when it may not necessarily be needed. It's an effort to be realistic getting us through the end of this fiscal year and that we will then take up the next fiscal year as it comes with some controls being in place, in this case by executive order, so that if there has been abuses that we have