

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, there was a concern...

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...so they have a higher profit margin.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...here that that could be happening here in state government. We did not want that to happen. I can't speak to industry. I guess they can do what they want. We felt here that if there was a legitimate need for permanent workers then that's the way it ought to be.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What if they only work six hours a day instead of a full day?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, that would be I think called part time.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Okay. But they could do that and then you wouldn't see...you wouldn't see that as an abuse, would that be correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, it would depend on what's appropriate to the department. If they work six hours a day year around, is that what you're asking?

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah, let's say six or four.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I really don't know how that fits into this. Chances are that doesn't happen on a full-time basis. It would happen on a temporary basis if that was the way it was. I think that would have to be worked out to see if...I don't know if that even occurs. That's...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Yeah. I think the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...people that pay the taxes would say that this probably isn't that bad of a policy, if you're containing the expenditures of state government. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, that's what I think, if I may finish on that, that's what we are saying we believe it is...with responsible use of it it is an appropriate use...

SENATOR ROBINSON: Sure.