

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Speaker Withem and members of the Legislature, I just wanted to stand to make clear that when I stood the last time was not in objection to this bill, Senator Brown. If it wasn't for the good work of the Appropriations Committee, I wouldn't have had the information that I had to come up with these questions and the concerns. I'm going to trust the Appropriations Committee with no problems with this vote and know that the concerns you have brought up were very much concerns that hit me. And so I did not stand in objection to the bill, just to put some things on the record. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein some questions.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein, would you respond.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, what's the maximum period of time that a person can be hired by the state as a temporary employee? What's the maximum period?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Twelve months.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if the work being done by that person has not been completed during that time, is that person discharged and a new temporary person hired, or is that person rehired, or is the time extended? How would that be handled?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, there has been times I think that that has occurred. We would consider that an abuse if that was done on a more permanent basis. That is one of the areas that we are trying to get at and limit at this point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I mean how would they handle it? Would they terminate that person and then rehire the person, or terminate that person and hire a brand new temp, if you know?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'm not sure. I think they could probably do either one.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what benefits will a temporary employee