

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I think it is inappropriate and I have a much stronger word that I would use, and when we get to another aspect of this program perhaps beyond what this bill is dealing with, I'll use those words. But the state is exploitive. The state is wrong to use a tactic and a stratagem to hire people and not give them coverage should they become ill. Let me ask Senator Wehrbein this question. Senator Wehrbein, are they covered by workers' comp while they're working for the state as temporaries?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Under a temporary basis?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Just a minute. Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, so if they get injured in connection with the work, that injury will...they will receive some assistance based on that injury.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the difference in your opinion between a person incapacitated for work because of an injury and a person incapacitated for work because of illness?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, for my opinion...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...it would have to be work related. You have a responsibility as an employer if it's work related to pay...to take care of the injuries. If it's an illness, it's more of a personal issue and I wouldn't necessarily feel obligated to cover an illness which we all can have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If that person gets ill and has no insurance, then the person could seek assistance through the Department of