

I think it's really a good point, that a person who is there on a regular basis with those patients builds up a relationship with them so that patient has a feeling of comfort and stability. And someone with mental problems really needs that kind of stability, and this young man said the temporaries were being overused. So that's a lot of the things that the Appropriations Committee has heard and the things that we have talked about have finally come to a culmination in this \$750,000, the spending authority, that they need to keep the program going until July 1, am I right on the date, yeah, for this fiscal year and I think we do need to do that. We...after...you cannot believe the things that were said back and forth. You maybe have seen some of the things in the newspapers, but it's been a very emotional, if you want to use that word, it's been emotional...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...and it has...there's been some hard things said on both sides. But I urge you to vote for this bill this morning. And if you have any thoughts as the Appropriations Committee goes along in the interim and as when we come back to the issue, I think all of us would like to hear because there has definitely been an overuse and a misuse of the temporary program of the SOS. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Cudaback followed by Senators Maurstad, Beutler, Chambers and Brown.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, we all know that the state definitely needs this tool to have to hire temporary people. We have many jobs in the summer, we have jobs on the roads, we have jobs in Game and Parks. Senator Crosby has actually answered many of the or asked many of the questions that I had in my mind. I'd like to ask Senator Wehrbein a question, please.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, currently what is the policy on insurance and so on, benefits now? Is there a one-month waiting period, a three-month waiting period or what is the policy?