

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I said it's about three weeks ago.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you were not kept abreast. It did hit you more or less cold at the time they were going to ask for this additional money.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I take offense at the Legislature being treated that way. I know the Appropriations Committee members don't because they're very patient, but I'm not that patient. Now I would like to ask you this question. Was anything in the Governor's budget which gave a signal that temps are being used at such a scale...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that there is going to have to be a request for a deficit appropriation?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I did not see anything in that, no. We did not see it. There was no alerting to it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. And we know that that would be an unwise thing to say, because if they came in with a budget request and said we're going to have to ask for a deficit appropriation, the question would have been, why don't you just request that in your initial asking of an appropriation? I'm very concerned about this and distressed but, again, my time has run out so I'm going to have to use a tactic.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Well, Senator Chambers, the Appropriations Committee does share your concern and it's because of the Appropriations Committee and because of the way that we went about doing our work that much of this came to light. And let me go through a little bit about what the scenario was so that you understand that we have done the work that needs to be done. We have taken all of the issues that have been brought to this floor. Those were all things that came...that we came up with in Appropriations that...and have guided our deliberations on this. Our original decision during our preliminary budget deliberations was to deny both the SOS deficit funding which at that time was a \$350,000 request. Now we still have to say that