

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But, Senator Wehrbein, you would agree that the activities by the DAS are forcing the hand of the Legislature this morning.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes. I hoped we'd made that clear by now but, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you know, it's like when you're questioning a witness, you want to underline certain points so you ask the question again and again so that the point is not lost during the general discussion. Who is in charge of calculating how many of these temps are used for the purpose of making that educated guess on which is based the amount of spending authority that would be allowed from this fund?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't know by name, Department of Personnel would be the agency.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this another case where a department lacks either the person power or the persons lack the expertise to do that job? Does that take special training in your opinion?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think it would take some good training, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you think that there are records kept which could be consulted so that conclusions could be drawn as to how many temps they have used?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, and we have that at this point, too.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What new information did DAS come up with or whoever made the presentation, I meant whosoever information the presentation was based upon, at what point did they come up with the information that made it clear to them they would need this deficit appropriation?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We had our hearing on April 6 and I would say it was approximately a week before that is when we got this information and had an indication of the need.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, no, I'm not talking about the Appropriations Committee now. I'm saying when did the Governor's side obtain the information that let them know they