

the Legislature, Senator Chambers asked one of the questions and I would underline it by asking it again. And, Senator Wehrbein, being the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I know you probably feel on the spot but you're the only one I can ask these questions to, would you tell us again what happens if we do not pass this bill, if we stop the emergency clause?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: We will have to go back to July of 1994, recodify some of the positions that are now being temporary, classified as temporary, and put them in as permanent positions would be one answer. We will destroy the paperwork trail that we have now with the use of temporaries if we do that, and that is one of the chief reasons that we are recommending not to do that, because if you go back and show all of these workers being permanent as of July 1, and we could possibly recodify it that way, that does away with your temporary use...use of temporaries and the trail, paper trail that you would have. Others are going to probably be laid off immediately like today because there will not be spending authority to provide them their salaries because there would not be that authority, and so that's what I said disruptive in the workplace because many that are working with good faith at this point that they will be paid will not be paid because there will not be spending authority. That's two of the chief reasons.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Thank you. The understanding that I've got from the debate this morning is this is a seven hundred and some odd thousand dollar error, that they've just realized that they spent more than what they had, is that right?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Spending authority, yes. I would classify it the way you said it as it's a lack of monitoring the program to the extent that it had run very high.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: I don't know about you, but, other members of the Legislature and colleagues, you know, a seven hundred and some odd thousand dollar error in my checkbook would be quite an error. In any business checkbook, it would be another error. I mean, obviously, I've never worked with terms like this, but just because we do and we get the millions of dollars and we work with millions here, what was it one politician said, pretty soon we're going to be talking about some real money here, this money comes from the taxpayer and it's just flagrant misuse of it as I see it. And it's not anything against the Appropriations Committee. Senator Brown, I need to make a