

statement to you as far as what you said about the committee. I believe the committee has done its job. I serve on two committees, Transportation and Judiciary, and I believe quite oftentimes we've done our job and we pass bills onto the floor. But the next thing is we need 25 votes to pass it and, in this case, you're going to need 30 because it's got the emergency clause on it. I think part of the process is, you know, I believe you've done your job, you've worked hard, but in some cases it may not go anyway; and I am not putting down the Appropriations Committee in any way, shape or form for doing this. But I think we've got a pretty neat process and the next step is it's got to pass a few stages up here and with a little more scrutiny than it had before. Seven hundred and some odd thousand dollar error just sticks in my craw and I wonder where, Senator Wehrbein, would you know who made that type of an error?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's under the supervision of the personnel director, whoever, I don't know specifically. It's under that agency.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: And I know you've said that before but as Senator Chambers said to underline some of this, this is a pretty big error. This isn't a million dollars, I understand that. We spend a million dollars down here like it's nothing and this is the biggest share if you're going to round it off, it's a million dollars.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: So it concerns me a lot that it's here and I do feel like Senator Chambers said that they come in and put our hands behind our backs and then start pushing up when we're talking about laying off good help and things if we didn't pass it. So it's like holding the gun to your head and said you know you're going to pass this. You know, I've done a lot of work in prisons. There's a lot of things happen in prisons the same way. Nobody is really forced into a lot of things out there but a lot of people are incriminated and incrimination is something else and I feel almost that same way here. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Many of these lights were on before. I will go through them. We are debating the Chambers amendment, excuse me, Senator Chambers, I mischaracterized your amendment. It is the emergency clause you are striking as opposed to the enacting clause. I apologize for that. Senator Wehrbein.