

temporary worker is?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I suppose if we want it to be tightened down to that extent, it's possible. As I said, the history of this was done in about 1988 is when it was first started to bring it in-house because it was a savings to the state not having to pay the fee if you use an outside temporary service and so...and depending on Omaha and Lincoln where it is primarily used. That was the reason for it. I don't know if further definition is needed. I'm not an expert in that area. I guess it's always a possibility.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. But to your knowledge, is it true that there is nothing in statute that defines that?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would say that other than maybe the general statement that a full time...I think the 40-hour or is it 36-hour is entitled to 40 to have health benefits is what I'm saying.

SENATOR BEUTLER: To have health benefits, okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Anything less than that would not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is there anything in the labor contract with NAPE that addresses this particular question?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think it's a side, there's a side letter of agreement. It's not in the contract.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So with respect to NAPE workers the matter is...it's a side agreement.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's been...

SENATOR BEUTLER: As far as the legal status of...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It has been discussed, I know that. It's been...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I think there's a letter of understanding. I would have to verify exactly how it is but there is discussions, there is a letter of agreement on this