

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And the point that I'm getting to and you touched on it is that at that point some discretion would have been available to the Appropriations Committee in terms of the position it would have taken.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's a better word than wiggle, yes. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. I'm not saying...but yours is far more colorful and I like the language but you beat me to the punch. Now that we're at this point, there is, practically speaking, no wiggle room or discretion. We have to go along and fund the package that they have given us. Is that more or less correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's definitely true because two weeks ago we were looking for something lesser than this and decided as of the last few days that we couldn't do anything lesser because time was becoming of the essence.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And that's the point that I want to make. Our ability to make a choice uncoerced has been taken from us. Now I'd like to ask my good friend Senator Brown this morning, the lady in red, a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brown, you told me that as a result of questioning by the Appropriations Committee certain agreements or concessions were gotten from the executive branch. What was obtained?

SENATOR BROWN: There is an executive order which will put some controls on the whole process and DAS has entered into an agreement with NAPE/AFSCME to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I just did.

SENATOR BROWN: What?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you say ask me? I just did ask you.

SENATOR BROWN: I was trying to say AFSCME.