

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...you know, you actually are not going to be saving that much.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't know that that would occur. I admit that doesn't make sense, two or three would replace one is what you are saying. I don't know that we have any even anecdotal information on that that came out where one full time quit and was replaced by two part time. I don't think we even heard that issue being brought forward, that specific one which is what you are talking about.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers followed by Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this is the last time I am going to speak on this measure, because it is my third time. Every time I have the opportunity to discuss our prerogatives, as a Legislature, to discuss the Legislature as an institution, as the third branch of government, I am going to take that opportunity. I think the discussion is more effective and meaningful when it is undertaken in the context of a measure such as the one we are faced with today. There has not been a single person to stand on this floor to say he or she approves of what is being done by this bill. Other than myself, I don't know of a single person who has stood on the floor and said, unequivocally, he or she will vote against a bill which nobody likes. I'm voting against it for the reason that I gave, recognizing that in the short run there may be some discomfort to individuals. But, something more than discomfort is involved in terms of the Legislature as an institution. When our judgment tells us that a bill is not good, there, nevertheless, can be something to override that and that something is what is convenient, what is going to cause people to be least irritated with us. So, rather than uphold the integrity of the Legislature's authority to control appropriations and expenditures, the Legislature is going to advance a bill and ultimately pass one which is not in the best interest or in accord with the principles that are in the best interest of the Legislature as an institution. We need to start thinking more in these terms and then we will have fewer of these occasions to arise. In the old days of slavery there was an expression, the slave most easily whipped is the one most often whipped. Maybe, at the school that some of you all