

that was a concern of mine because it's one thing to say that this is a revolving fund and that it's not General Fund appropriations, but I wanted some sort of assurances that the Appropriations Committee was going to be carrying on in this and making sure that by the mechanism of deficit appropriations that the agencies were not going to be protected from what apparently were some management errors on the part of the agency directors or those other people within the agencies who were responsible for making these decisions. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think there has been an accumulation of things from the executive branch which has brought me to the point where I am today and they go to the point of questioning whether or not a straight line is being walked in the dealings between that department and the legislative branch. This may seem like a relatively small amount of money. The underlying reasons for our dealing with it are serious, in my opinion, and to simply say that if the executive branch creates a problem and the only way it can be solved is for the Legislature to give the executive branch its way, I cannot say that is a wise method of spending the state's money, authorizing its expenditure. Senator Coordsen touched on some of the kind of things that I was wondering about the other day when I was mentioning appropriations, but whether we appropriate and call it that or authorization, it's money out of state hands being spent. The state gets money through taxes. Now if the executive branch hires a lot of temporary employees, after having gotten a lot of credit for instituting a hiring freeze, the executive branch overspends or simply knows how much it is going to spend but doesn't tell the Legislature and spends an amount it anticipated spending, then comes to the Legislature and say, if you don't solve this problem my agency is going to have a problem. Sometimes when we're talking about responsibility and I thought Senator Witek was some place around here, oh, I heard her say I am, but when we're dealing with very poor people who don't have much, don't we talk a lot about responsibility if it's \$70 a month. We're not talking about \$700,000. We're not talking about people with staffs composed of people who know how to handle money and plan and manage, communicate and do all these other things, we're talking about a poor woman trying to make it from one end of the month to the other and we spend hours upon