

affects the way we do government and the way we can achieve efficiency on behalf of the taxpayers. We're not doing it now. With changes I think we can take advantage of temporary workers and consultants in a constructive fashion and stop what I see as a destructive fashion we've been using on occasion in the past.

SENATOR HALL: Time.

SENATOR WESELY: So I think that Senator Chambers has raised an important issue and I hope we'll keep on top of it. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Wehrbein, your light is next.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I'm going to be fairly brief. I'm really just going to respond to some questions so there isn't what I consider inaccuracies in the record, get back to the issue which is on the authority to spend the \$750,000. It was stated just a little bit ago that that money could be saved if we would kill this bill. That is really not true because the money will be spent if we do not pass this bill and we are to pay the workers that are entitled to be paid. I will repeat once again, we will have to go back to July 1, recode the agencies, make some of them permanent if you will, so in order that they get paid, it will simply go back, reconstruct the record, that is one of the things we do not want to do. If you really want to get a handle on this and go into next year with a legitimate background for the study, then we need to leave it like it is so that we do keep our paper trail. If we go back and recode all these agencies back to July 1 of '94, what record are we going to have? You're going to have an increase in permanent workers, the dollars will be spent and you'll have no record that the...of why we took this action at this point in time and we go into next year. On paper it will show that the administration did get this under control and cut it back way back last year. So I don't really see what that gains. In the meantime, if we pass this bill it allows the workers to stay in their respective spots, it allows them to get paid for the work that they are doing. It allows us to have a paper trail so that in the next fiscal year we can look at this. We are reducing their...well, actually we call it flat. Their authority to spend will be the same next year as it is this year which obviously is not an increase and we'll be able to look and see if this is a responsible way. The other thing that I hesitate, because I think to talk about, but I think we ought to