

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would you be in favor of considering the idea that if a person has been in that pool for at least a year then that person is entitled to certain benefits like other state employees?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I certainly think that could be discussible, yes, because in many cases, or some cases, I think that has happened and will happen, a year's experience. That's not uncommon in private industry for people...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ..to hire temporaries and then it's a way of screening and then they move on into permanent full-time employment, so....

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, members, one of the big problems I have with the whole program and, again, I say it's beyond now this deficit appropriation but it was a good occasion for discussing it, the fact that we are treating people in a way that we would not like to see private industry treat people where they work, they're loyal, they discharge all of their duties, they might be there when full-time permanent employees might not show up and they don't even have insurance coverage. Maybe they're so loyal that they'll come to work in inclement weather and come down with an ailment as a result of being so loyal and they're just out there. They cannot come out of their pocket with enough money to pay for hospitalization. Most doctors have in their offices, you pay when you get treated. That's what it used to say when they were kind. Now they say, hit the road, buster, unless you can pay. You all haven't seen signs like that in doctors' offices? They might not be quite that blunt, but the idea is there, and if you're ill and need a doctor's treatment, that's the impact that it has on you. I'm describing the impact in those words. So if we have people who are working loyally for the state, doing their work and they get ill, what is to become of them? Where do they go?

PRESIDENTI ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There was a story that this guy called Captain Kangaroo used to tell and it was one of the ones that I liked. It was called, "Where Do the Butterflies Go When It Rains?" There are a lot of little things like that. You wonder where that which you always see goes when you don't see it. So