

next year. The intent of the Appropriations Committee is to look at this very carefully through the summer and fall and come back in January and determine if the authority expenditure is satisfactory, if the whole process is being handled satisfactory and at that point determine if there needs to be any new spending authority up or down even.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then, Senator Wehrbein, if we retain the same number of temporaries that we have at this time, we will reach a point maybe equivalent to the date on the calendar that we reached this year where there is not going to be enough money to pay the salaries of those who are performing work as temporaries, isn't that true?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That potentially could be the same issue April 1 next year, everything being the same, that is true, which is obviously not our intent for it to remain the same.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why, then, will we not put the money there and if it's not spent, then no harm has been done, but if we don't put it there, then we create the problem which resulted in a majority of the senators adopting the rationale that we should give the authorization contained in this bill so that workers won't be harmed? Right now I'm not arguing for or against the SOS program, for or against the deficit appropriation, but again about the process that we are utilizing. It seems to me, and thank you, Senator Wehrbein, you answered all of my questions, and I'm not going to just pull the motion so that I can have my say and then maybe nobody else will have a chance to respond. We're at the point now where I'm looking at the process and if we can anticipate that everything else probably is going to cost more money that we're doing because the Appropriations Committee is going to raise the overall expenditures for the state, the Governor's budget raises the overall amount for expenditures, so this program is unlikely to remain at a flat level, but even if it does, if this program does not grow, the amount of money appropriated being the same as was the previous time is not going to be sufficient. So rather than put that program in a position of having to seek another deficit appropriation, which we can anticipate is likely to happen, I think we ought to make a determination that we will put that money in that additional money. And if we're not going to do it, there's no need in postponing the harm to the workers if that's what our rationale is. Do it now. If we are not going to do it now because we don't want to hurt the workers, let's not create a situation