

remind the body that 33 votes is very critical to this, same as it doesn't pass and the same is we don't need the bill at all if it doesn't have the E clause to get us through this and we will...so we do need the E clause very badly.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, and, Senator Wehrbein, I'm going to vote for the bill. I'm convinced that it is what we ought to do. So with all the reservations I've expressed up to this point I will vote for it and I think we should give the 33 votes. But here's the difficulty that I'm having now, and I'm not professing to understand everything about the program, but, Senator Wehrbein, I want to ask you a couple of other questions, if you will indulge me this morning.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the program operates at the same level, meaning we have the same number of employees and the same amount of usage with no growth, then we know we're going to have a deficit, the same deficit, don't we?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That is true as you said. Chances are...we already know there's some of these have probably gone on permanent status and rightly so, so there's probably...I haven't checked it since the first of April, but I, based on what the body has said, what the Appropriations Committee has said, what administration has said, some of these have already changed. I simply don't know what they are. But technically, you're true, just that it could, if it was continuing like it is, I don't think it is continuing as it was 30 days ago even at this point.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now a study is to be undertaken to determine at what level this program should function, whether in terms of the number of employees, whether they'll all be in one pool I guess...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.