

SENATOR ABOUD: Have there been any changes made by either the Appropriations Committee or by the administration to avoid this situation from occurring next year?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, the administration has taken steps to understand and analyze this better. As I said, I do not know exactly what has happened in the last 30 days but I am fairly certain there has been some temporary workers put on permanent if it was appropriate. That was to be looked at. There would be a more appropriate use of temporaries in some agencies that had tended to be excessive in our mind and the administration's mind.

SENATOR ABOUD: So some of the people that were on temporary are now on permanent?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think that's possible. I can't give you numbers, but there has been some adjustment to that. I don't think we have a number, do we, Cathy? But there was to be some adjustments and I'm confident that that has been made to some degree.

SENATOR ABOUD: Okay, then I don't know if...in answering the question then you're telling me that you feel that you don't know if it's going to occur next year and what the committee is monitoring to determine...to try to discourage this type of activity...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: That's right.

SENATOR ABOUD: ...from happening in the future.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And once again I'm saying responsible, I think we all feel responsible. Use of temporaries is good. We may disagree on what is responsible and irresponsible. The intent is to look at this and perhaps have some guidelines of what is appropriate use across the country or across the state or wherever and see if we are in line. That will be one of the guidelines we would look at.

SENATOR ABOUD: I see. Okay, thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I'll be supporting the bill. I do appreciate the information that the committee has provided to me in determining why we had this appropriation, why we needed a deficit appropriation and attempts by the committee to try to deal with the problems that