

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I don't know that that would not be in good faith. If you had a good faith funding and the agencies have the money to fund it I don't know that that is lack of good faith if you...if you make an agency squeeze down so they pay the salaries, which that is our full intent and in most...we have language in some cases that...that say that they will be paid. And the other thing is we restored PSL. I probably should...couldn't say 100 percent, but as my memory says we restored PSL...

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...in all cases which takes care of that issue of allowing them to do it.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yeah, thank you, Madam President. Again, just to carry that on and I'm almost finished, Senator Wehrbein, if you would finish that comment about the PSL 'cause many of the new members may not actually understand when you increase the PSL what effect that has on an agency's ability to meet a...a cash...a General Fund shortfall that they have to may...make up dollars to pay for the contract?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If I may, first of all, nearly all the new members are on the Appropriations Committee. (Laugh)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, for some of us older members then who have forgotten.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: PSL has to do with the total amount of dollars allowed for salaries and if we, by fully fund...allowing for the PSL or the salaries to be paid, we raise that limitation when if say an agency had four...100,000 dollars for PSL, had four people at 25,000 dollars. If we did not raise the PSL and allowed them a 3 percent increase, they would have the...perhaps even have the money there at 3 percent increase on 100,000, 3,000 dollars, but would not have the authority to pay those 4 salaries, those 4 employees the 25,000 plus 3 percent they're entitled to, unless we raise the PSL or unless they laid off an employee and paid the 3 what they were entitled, would have a gap on the fourth. And so, as I said, as near as I can recall,