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out in the first place because it's a...you don't know that. You don't know how long an employee is going to work when they're using and, in this case, federal...it's federal funds that are going in to pay this particular salary and so, you know, it's an unknown.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I agree...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But once it's caught or once it's known, then it makes it logical, I think, for us, we felt, to pay it back, to be prepared to pay it back.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I agree with all of that.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But is there a possibility that some members of the Legislature might be interested in knowing how that contingency arose in the first place?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That maybe there was a lack of attentiveness and some of these employees were placed in a status which they should not have been that allowed this money to be paid in for them which never should have in the first place?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Um-hum.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I meant if somebody had been attentive.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, you have to have...you have to have some kind of a standard operation, I would say, in terms of the payroll and so, you know, whether to say it's a mistake that it was taken out or not, maybe...maybe that's not quite accurate. But the point is, yes, the Legislature might want to know this. We can do, like many other things that we do, is ask for oversight over that or make a specific effort to have oversight over that so the body would know if they were so inclined. The Appropriations Committee does get reports on many of these things routinely about this, and so as a committee function, if the broader Legislature wanted to know more, why, I'd have no problem with sharing that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, members of the Legislature,