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SENATOR MAURSTAD: So the one thing that we do know relative to personnel is that we are going to be adding to the administrative level by 1044, as it's currently written?

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Because...

SENATOR WESELY: No, that's not an addition. It just means that within...positions within those agencies, there will be more that will be exempted from protections under personnel. It's not new positions. It's just a change in status.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Okay, so we are not...we are not taking 30 positions from the bargaining unit and transferring them into administrative. We are just...I mean...

SENATOR WESELY: No.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ..the PSL isn't going to change any for the...

SENATOR WESELY: No, no, it won't.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: So it appears to me, and maybe you can share...shed some light on this later, but it looks like to me that what we are doing is with the way that this is written is that we are creating 30 administrative positions with no...no certainty that there is going to be a reduction on the other side. Now there might be a lot of reduction on the other side, although I understand the Governor has indicated there won't be, but right now this is the only thing certain relative to personnel, is that we are going to make this particular change. The...I want to echo some of the comments that the Speaker has made about our current fiscal situation. I certainly agree with him and certainly agree that most people recognize that our current system has problems and we need to...we need to make...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...some changes. I think that the changes that are being proposed relative to the responsibilities of the three new agencies I think will lead to the probability that