

money to her. So that's why it's somewhat of a...it's a dilemma and that's why I'm somewhat confused on what is the proper thing to do. We're not talking about a lot of money here. On the other hand, I guess the members will just have to decide how they feel and whether or not they feel she's entitled to this money.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR ABOUD: And I think that's about as clear as I can get as far as the legal issues that are involved in it. She was entitled to it in '91, but DAS did not have the authority really to offer it, they felt, and I think they acted properly until they were aware of the change in the '94 decision by the Attorney General. Since that time, it's been changed so that this is not allowed and they can only withdraw in June of the calendar year. Be happy to answer any questions about it. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I really don't...I'm trying to catch bits and pieces of this. It seems to me that the lady or the (inaudible) we're talking about was active in her union after she sent...if I'm wrong someone please straighten me out here, after sending in a request to have her union dues withheld. Now we're talking about a relatively small amount of money here, but it seems to me we could be setting a precedent that we would...whereby we'd be getting involved in something and I don't believe we have any business being involved in. And I understand the Labor Committee denied this request and, from what I hear from some of the Labor Committee members, there was a reason for that. Now the person should have known the rules if she had been active in this union or organization. If you go out and purchase a...say you buy a subscription in a magazine or a publication of some kind and in two...and you pay a year's premium for that, it seems to me that, you know, after three months that if you didn't want it anymore, you certainly wouldn't get your money back. You'd have the opportunity at the year's end not to renew it. Now, if I'm missing something here, I hope that I get straightened out on that. I'd give the rest of my time to Senator Dierks. Maybe I'm thinking on the wrong path here. Senator Dierks, could you...would you like to have the rest of