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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Wehrbein, this is provided that you know the answers. I'm not trying to be argumentative, at least not at this point. These attorneys are physically stationed at or with the Department of Roads. Is that correct?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they take their orders from the Attorney General...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: They are...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or from the Department of Roads?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: They are hired by and are accounted...accountable to the Attorney General, but they work exclusively on Department of Roads issues.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Were they hired by the Attorney General for assignment to the Department of Roads or he had a pool of attorneys and these happen to be the ones that he assigned over there?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I can't actually answer that. Technically, I would say they were probably hired for the purpose of being Department of Roads, but I don't know that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Does the Department of Roads have to accept these attorneys as the ones who will do their legal work?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I do not know that answer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could the Department of Roads send these people back to the Attorney General's office and use the money that is being taken out of their budget to hire attorneys of their own choosing? They cannot, can they?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't think so, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, and...okay, thanks, Senator Wehrbein. And I'm agreement with...with what you've said. Members of the