

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bromm, the motion is to advance. I'm going to keep the house under call because we should not have a great deal more time (inaudible) this evening. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. The hour is late and there just hasn't been a good opportunity, with these amendments, for me to ask a couple questions of Senator Wehrbein. And I did go over to him and tell him that I had a couple questions. On page 95 of the bill I notice that we give the Director of the Administrative Services the authority to transfer appropriations between about...about 10 or 11 budget items, which includes communications, building, accounting, personnel, et cetera, risk management, it amounts to \$5.9 million that we are allowing him the discretion to transfer between these various purposes and funds. And I'm...I'm...I want to ask Senator Wehrbein a couple questions, if I might.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Wehrbein, I haven't noticed that this is a very common authority to grant a director the scope and amount of money, the flexibility, I guess, that I see in these various budget categories. Is this a common practice, or is this somewhat unusual?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't know how to quantify...qualify that whether it's unusual. It's...it's probably unusual in the sense that we don't give agencies this discretion very...probably at all that I can recall, off the top of my head. It's an effort here to have a little more flexibility within these, it primarily is Building Division, accounting and personnel, to better manage the deficit...their deficits or work in between accounts and potential deficits to manage their cash between...between these different funds.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay. So basically, the rationale for doing it in this instance, is there anything in particular that they indicated they needed this flexibility for...