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appropriations of the cash fund are. And if we really wanted to put the clamps down on the Weights and Measures, we could just appropriate less of cash funds. Appropriations appropriates Cash Funds as well as the General Funds. So we could put the screws on them if we thought that they were being extravagant in what their costs are.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Senator Kremer. I am just a little bit concerned so that we don't come to the situation where fees are greatly increased on any situation out there for the general public to have this service for the projects that they have in place or planning to do. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I suspect most of you noticed that I am one of the people who voted against this legislation when it was in committee and I need to tell you why. First of all, one of the issues that I brought up was the efficiency and attitude of trying to, obviously, in this body saving as much money as we could... as we can, and the questions that I wanted to have answered for my satisfaction, whether they were doing everything to become as sufficient as they could with the use of our money. I didn't get a very good response but I will tell you that after the hearing, when I voted against it, members from the Weights and Measures came to my office and we had a long discussion about what they're trying to do to cut back on their expenses. We all know that they have new technology. They don't carry cans of gas around from the pump to take them over to measure them to find out if you're getting true measure for your money. I am not opposing the idea that we need to have somebody to oversee it to make sure that when we buy a gallon of gas we get a gallon of gas, or when we buy a pound of some product that we get a pound because I think it's important. On the other hand, I don't... I don't want to leave the impression that I distrust people, but I always remember what my dad use to say. Padlocks are only used to keep honest people honest. And I think that in reality that's what the Weights and Measures people are trying to do, to make sure that everybody that serves you a product through a pump or through a measuring device gives you full