

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

May 28, 2003

LB 439A

staff and additional people in this...to make this work. And as far as the dollar amount you came up with, how did you come up with those extra dollars?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I'm reading it from the fiscal note. And if I may use a couple minutes of your time?

SENATOR ENGEL: Oh, please. I want you to.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Or you can have some of mine later. Similar to indirect administrative support costs, ground maintenance costs for Building Division operated facilities in Lincoln are allocated or shared across related facilities. In the same fiscal note mentioned previously, DAS indicated that the new stand-alone Office of the Capitol Commission...here it is...may require additional resources for ground maintenance and estimated related funding needs at \$86,388. In sum, DAS has indicated the new Office of the Capitol Commission may need to commit an additional \$230,225 for administrative support and ground maintenance costs beyond levels currently supported by existing operation and maintenance funding for the Capitol.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, what I don't understand, if those are things that are happening now with existing funds, why would it take more funds to do it separately, if you're going to reallocate those funds, like Senator Beutler is saying? It just...to me, it doesn't make any sense. And whether...I'd like to know how...where they are coming up with those figures. That's what I'd like to know.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I don't have those ready answers.

SENATOR ENGEL: No. Yeah. Yeah.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But I am assuming some of this has to do with...just, say, lawn mowers. You buy...and that's not a big issue, but if you have a large lawn mower covering a fairly large acreage, it's a cheaper cost than having a smaller lawn mower covering the same acreage, having two. In other words, some of these costs are now spread over a larger area under one DAS administration. Now we're separating that. And I assume