

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

May 28, 2003

LB 439A

that there's going to have to be some duplication in that.

SENATOR ENGEL: Well, I know for a fact DAS does not want this to happen. But the only thing is, it's the facts that I want to know, as far as...rather than just coming up with some...I mean, I'm not putting you on the spot, Senator Wehrbein. But as far as where they're coming up with these figures. They sound awfully huge to me.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's hard to understand exactly the numbers, I'm not going to dispute. I think one of them would be this administrator and support staff. Once again, I'm trying to really raise the issue that this may be too much, but it probably easily could not be enough as we transfer. I'm not saying, really, in the long run, I think it may well be worth it to have an independent administrator for this Capitol, and some things like that, but many times when you do that it costs more money.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you very much, Senator. Now if I could ask Senator Beutler a question. Could you respond to what Senator Wehrbein just said?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think, I think, Senator, that a central point to all of this with regard to the cost is the level of cooperation from DAS. Now, as you indicated, they don't want this to happen. But with regard to mowing, for example, there don't have to be two separate mowing divisions or mowing offices. There can be just one. And the office of the Capitol administrator enters into an agreement with DAS to do the mowing on the Capitol lawns for the same amount of money and for an allocation of the portion that is the true actual cost. And there are a series of agreements that can be made, interlocal agreements, just like DAS makes with dozens and dozens of other agencies, to do more cheaply by doing out of one office things that they normally do. So...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.