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2 percent of the budget in order to cover that salary. Little bits and pieces of that 2 percent will come from a variety of programs that the Capitol administrator will administrate...will administer. So that will be the manner in which that would be done. And then next year and in following years, this body and the Appropriations Committee would reassess whether that efficiency in other areas was harmful in any manner to the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...program, and make a judgment on that. But in a sense, it's asking for a 2 percent cut in that \$3 million program in order to facilitate the transfer and have the new administrator. But beyond the administrator, I personally don't feel that there's any sort of problem with dividing out or allocating the resources. But that would be my response to you, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bromm, you have 30 seconds. Did you wish to use...Senator Wehrbein, on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I'm going to withdraw the bill (sic). It's difficult for me to pinpoint the issues, and I simply wanted to raise the awareness of it. These...philosophically, these kinds of things tend to cost more than we realize, even though our intentions are good. I fully believe Senator Beutler's intentions are good. I'm not questioning that. In fact, mine are. I want...I approve of this bill. But there's many times hidden costs or unknown costs that come up that are hard to recognize. It's difficult, I think, to make an accurate, a completely accurate fiscal statement in terms of what if, whether they can absorb some of these things that have been done routinely by a larger administration now will be done in house. I think there ought to be cooperation. I would urge cooperation between those, and I have high expectations it will happen. I want to raise the awareness issue. A lot of this, I was sincere in bringing it. But I...with the uncertainty, and including my own, I'll withdraw the amendment.