

private person, but that's a separate issue. The point I want to get across this morning is that if money that the government gave for one purpose is not used for that purpose, the state has to give it back. Now if you let the Governor do this, or any other agency forgetting this specific Governor, spend money in a way that the governmental money that came to us was not to be spent, you, as a Legislature, are going to have to make an appropriation...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to give that money back.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Is there any other...is this...constitute closing at this point yet, or is there...

SPEAKER WITHEM: If you'd have asked a split second sooner it would have, however, now there is another light on. So you are recognized for speaking on this measure as opposed to closing.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think I'll just wait and close until closing or else there's questions.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want to make it clear that I'm going to vote for what Senator Wehrbein has presented to us. I have no objection to doing what is being done this morning because I think it is necessary. But the point I want to make, and I won't have to say as much as I've said before, because I hope I gave the rationale for it clearly enough to be understood. Money will come to the state from the federal government. That money comes here with strings attached. If the state spends that money in a way contrary to that allowed, then the government can demand a reimbursement. We're at a set of circumstances now where because that money that is being handled by this deficit appropriation before us is agreed by all to be legitimately owed to the federal government, the wisest thing for the Legislature to do is to make this appropriation so that the money can be paid back. I think what Senator Wehrbein speculated about is what likely would happen if the state chose not to make the appropriation. See, despite the fact that federal law supersedes state law, the federal