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SENATOR WHITNEY: I was reading in the paper where they need more money for narcotic buys. Is that germane? Is it going to be put in this bill or just where is that? I understand it is before your committee.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No. No, that's not in this bill at all. In fact, Senator Schmit can answer that.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have another bill which was heard before the Government and Military Affairs Committee which provides an additional \$50,000 for the buys. That will be coming along also. I'd like to take this moment, if I could, to explain a little further and I would hope that perhaps some of the members of the Judiciary Committee might back me up on this. As you know, I have a number of bills that have to do with this.. and I..this same section, this same topic. They are going to be coming along. It was not my intention to circumvent the Budget Committee but I, frankly, went to the Highway Patrol a year ago and asked them what they needed in this area. They told me. We passed the bills. They became law. They have been, somewhat, effective. I was not totally satisfied and I think members of this body are not totally satisfied with the performance that we have seen and so, again, I called the superintendent of the Highway Patrol to me and asked him what he needed to do the job the way he thought it should be done. He was a little reluctant to give me the figure but he finally did. He told me exactly what he needed and I, therefore, introduced the bills. It's going to require three legal advisors. It's going to require ten additional people in the area of drug investigation. It's going to require fifteen additional persons in the area of criminal investigation. It's going to require two additional chemists. It's going to require several clerks and a stenographer. These are a series of bills and then in order that I did not ever come before the Budget Committee empty handed, I have another bill that is going to be heard this afternoon before the Revenue Committee which I hope will be reported to General File which will raise the money and, therefore, I don't think we are being fiscal irresponsible. I think we're being responsible. I think that, perhaps, the superintendent of the Patrol did not feel that he could come before the Budget Committee unless he was specifically requested to for these figures and when I requested them of him, I told him I did not know if we could get all the money and all the personnel he wanted but that he should tell me what he

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