

the Legislature appropriates the money. The Budget Committee makes initial recommendations but it is the responsibility of this body to fund those programs that we think are necessary for the State of Nebraska. It's not the responsibility of the Governor, it's our responsibility and I think we need to meet that responsibility and I think that this is one way we can do it and we can do it as a representative body as the entire State of Nebraska and I think that we have demonstrated here before that the Legislature as a whole, will take upon itself the responsibility which a committee chooses not to accept. Now I think the Budget Committee made a decision, made a decision based upon the information which they had before it, and I choose, respectfully, to dissent from that decision and therefore, I introduced these bills, and I think that that's a long, a roundabout answer to your question, Senator Kelly, but I think that frankly, the Budget Committee did what they thought they had to do. I did what I thought I had to do. I think I'm right and I ask you to back me up on it.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit has closed again. Why do you rise again Senator Kelly?

SENATOR KELLY: Question, Mr. President. To ask Senator Schmit a question.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit is now closing for the third time.

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Schmit, when this bill is operative, exactly how many drug specialists will the State Patrol have?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The State will have at that time 30 drug investigators.

SENATOR KELLY: 30.

SENATOR SCHMIT: 30.

SENATOR KELLY: I thank you.

SPEAKER: Question is, shall the bill be advanced to E&R for review. All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. This requires 25 votes. Senator Schmit, I'm going to leave the board open for 30 seconds or so to try to prevent a call of the house. If you want to ask for it right now, you can. I have left it open long enough, will you--

SENATOR SCHMIT: Call, call the house, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER: Clerk will clear the board. Senator Schmit has moved for the call of the house. All in favor of a call of the house, vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Clerk will

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