

policing the people of this world, of their country, than they had sitting on the bank trying to disobey the laws, they went into what we call a military dictatorship. That is a place in which the government, the one that runs the state, can call upon the police officers of that state and take over the state. Every nation in South America is subject to this right now. The man that is at the head of those governments down there can take over the military. He can take over the special police departments of the various departments the government has, and take it over. We are not solving the problem. We've proved that. Crime is on the increase. We've added 10% to every department which will probably make as much as a 50 or 100% increase in the enforcement officers and have done nothing. We are attacking it from the wrong way and I wish the Legislature of this state would study and try to do what is right to control drugs instead of doing what we are doing and putting us in the throes of a police state before another ten years go by.

SPEAKER: Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, I just want to say that the Governor's budget includes six of these criminal investigators. After studying this over, he felt that this is what we needed, and it provides 75% federal funding for those particular six criminal investigators which the Governor recommended, and it is my judgment that if we vote now for an additional fifteen, then the Budget Committee will have to go back through the Budget and dig out these expenditures for the six criminal investigators and take the whole thing out, or else we are going to have, instead of fifteen which this Legislature is recommending, we are going to have 21 more criminal investigators, and this is going to make changes in the Budget. It's going to reduce, in my judgement, the amount of federal money that is going to be for this purpose and it is wrecking what in my judgement, the Budget Committee and the Governor is planning on.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: First of all, Senator Whitney, I think that would be a good job for the Budget Committee to do some digging once. Secondly, I would like to ask you a question, Senator. Would you yield?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Did you, at one time or another, suggest that if the Governor were to veto these four bills that it would be good for five votes from the floor of this Legislature?

SENATOR WHITNEY: We were in the Budget Committee and we were just visiting and I said I hope the Governor vetoes both of these bills. I still do, and I'm publicly willing to do so. When you say dig, Senator, I mean we're going to have to reduce it. We are going to have to take it out and you were recommending that we take out these six, or are you recommending we go ahead with 21 criminal investigators.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I really don't think it makes a heck of a lot of difference, Senator Whitney, whether we have another 21 or whether we have 15. I think it makes..to me, it makes a lot of sense to have the extra people because of the fact that if we have a total of 30 that's still only one investigator for every 50,000 people in the state of Nebraska, which I don't think is too many. I'd like to go back to my earlier question in regard to your statement that a veto of these four bills by the Governor was good for five votes on the floor of this Legislature. I think that sounds like a deal to me and I don't like it and I'm asking you again if you've made that statement.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, and here's the point.