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at a later date and ask that it be added at that time. Now, in reading the Governor's veto message, I understand he says that he's already asked for and added \$284,000 and he has added six investigators, 1971, that is the Legislature did. Ten more in '72 and eight more is recommended for this year. With the Governor's Budget, we have a total of 28 persons in the Drug Criminal area of state patrol and another 20 could be used if needed, and so I feel that we have...that the Governor has adequately taken care of the necessary needs. I was out in my home town over the weekend and the County Attorney said we need some more men in this field. I said how many do we need in addition? I said do we need six. Do we need fifteen? Do we need twenty-one or what do we need? He said we need six more. That's what the Governor has recommended. And I say to you that I feel that the people out in the state feel that the Governor is...has done the right thing by vetoing this bill and with this additional number of highway patrolmen and with the extra \$284,000 and with the extra subsidies that the federal government is giving to the cities and the towns of this state for this purpose, I feel that this is going to be sufficient to take care of the problems that we have in the state of Nebraska this next year. We will be back again another year. If doesn't take care of those problems, we can add to it then.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Barnett, then Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, I wonder if Senator Schmit would yield to two or three questions? I think I can ask them in a group.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I yield.

SENATOR BARNETT: I would have to disagree with Senator Whitney's statements all the way through for several reasons. He made a statement that the Governor in here says, we added six investigators in 1971 and ten more in '72. I don't know where he gets "we" because I don't think he was ever on our side. I think the Legislature added these and I may be corrected and I hope you can clear that up. I don't think he had anything to do with adding these. I, also, would like to point out that he says, this year I have recommended eight more including six investigators. Do I understand this correctly? Isn't this from Crime Commission funds and aren't these six investigators to do investigative work of all types and not just drug control? These would not be "narcs", would they? These would be, as I understand it, if the federal funds are approved. Now this is if they are approved of which I understand they are not at this time, and these people would be used for all types of criminal investigation? Am I cor... is this not true?

SENATOR SCHMIT: You are correct on both counts, Senator Barnett.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to go along with Senator Schmit's attempt to override these vetoes. In the first place, I want to say that in the Governor's message when he referred to the courage it takes to vote against every "do-gooder piece of legislation that somebody dreams up", I want to assure the Governor that this is not a piece of do-gooder legislation. This is an extra special piece of legislation. It deals with the subject of getting tough with the kind of people we should get tough with, and I'm surprised at the Governor because he generally has taken a rather get-tough policy in these criminal justice matters and