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Budget Committee through this legislature and the regular channels and ask for in the regular manner, so I think we are talking sometimes in circles on points we are not sure of, now I'm sure we'd, do not have Federal funds in many, many categories, and I think when we voted the increase of mutual betting funds, that it probably was a good thing and we all accepted it, because we thought we would have many things in this legislature that it might be needed for, and I think transportation of the retarded and the handicapped I think of the education, I think of the day care centers and the many things that we need, and we have spent a considerable lot of money and we do not know at this date how much funding it will take for the programs that have been very successful and done a good job in the state of Nebraska, the state will have to pick up those Federal funds, we know that's true. Now in drug abuse, the Federal is very interested in financing it, that is the only problem that I can see is we are passing up something if we go one route and we are not doing justice to the people in Nebraska in another route in helping these people that need help. Thank you for listening.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy, excuse me Senator Mahoney, can you speak from back there, are you passing, thank you, Senator Carpenter is next. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Whitney a couple of question if he will yield?

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney will you yield to a couple of questions?

SENATOR WHITNEY: If I can answer your questions I will, yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'm sure you can, if you will. Now you remember the budget committee?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes sir.

SENATOR CARPENTER: And as a member of the budget committee did you listen to the testimony before and against the increasing of aid to drug addiction?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now what information did your staff give you as a member of the budget committee?

SENATOR WHITNEY: As I recall, I'm not certain whether I was there at the time we voted on the issue or not.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well then you really didn't get any information at all that made you make up your mind one way or the other?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well what was it?

SENATOR WHITNEY: It was at the hearing when Colonel Kruger was there, I asked him point blank, if he made the recommendation to have the six additional persons, and he said he didn't think it was in the budget, and I said I think it's in the Governor's budget, and the man sitting beside him said yes, it's in the Governor's budget for six additional investigators, and so then I asked Colonel Krueger are you recommending additional on top of that, and the answer was no I'm not recommending additional on top of that, and so I felt from what he said, that he felt that it was not necessary to have any in addition to what the