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raised over one million dollars for the purposes of drug control. The bills that have passed this Legislature at this time utilize approximately one-third of that revenue. There is not going to be any effort made by this body to return or rescind the action that we took when we passed LB 76 and that three-quarters of a million dollars overrun is going to be soaked up, dwindled away by this body in many areas, many bills. I have a few new ideas of my own. But in any case, it is not possible to earmark that money. We don't want to earmark that money. I don't believe that we should do it, but I point out the fallacy of the thing. We are going to introduce a revenue measure and then we are going to introduce a bill which will use that revenue. It is just not going to happen that way, but I do agree with Senator Carpenter that we should, then, have the courage to support those measures necessary to fund the bills which we introduce that cost money. Now, there has been a lot of conversation the last few days about the members of this body taking a trip to another state, and I know that someone is going to say it is not germane, but I disagree because I want to point out that members of this body will be criticized for spending money to travel to another state to secure information that is of general benefit to the public. And the same people who are quick to criticize, quick to condemn, will attend conventions all over the world. They will go to London. They will go to the Carribean. They will go to Hawaii. They will file on their income tax, federal income tax return an expense for that money, for that which they incurred in that travel and deduct it as a business expense and the federal government will reimburse or will pay anywhere from 25% to, perhaps, 75%, 80% of that cost of that trip and as far as I am concerned, no one will ever point a finger at them. No one will ever single it out. No one will ever say that this business man enjoyed at the expense of the taxpayer a vacation because no one can put the finger on him. Now, again, in the case of welfare, it's a visible means of public support. No one is getting anything there that anyone can't see, so as a result, it is always subject to criticism. Now, every member of this body have, we all have our own personal and pet projects. There are members of this body who are going to criticize this bill roundly and soundly and with good reason, and they are going to do so sincerely. At this time, I would like to ask Senator Clark a question. Do you yield, Senator Clark?

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark, will you yield?

SENATOR CLARK: Ya, I'll yield.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Clark, do you have...did you propose an amendment to the Budget bill, LB 259, to provide some money for the Game Commission.

SENATOR CLARK: Right.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Pardon.

SENATOR CLARK: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Can you tell me how much money you propose to spend in that bill?

SENATOR CLARK: \$245,000.

SENATOR SCHMIT: \$245,000. Can you tell me for what purpose this money would be expended?

SENATOR CLARK: It is going to be for all of the parks in the state of Nebraska for the general good of all the people.

SENATOR SCHMIT: All of the parks for the state of Nebraska for the general good of all the people. That's a very laudible, very laudible reason. I commend you for it. Now, didn't the, didn't the Governor in his Budget proposal have an amount of