

monies received from the tax of alcohol, and related beverages, you will find that we're already collecting between 12 and 14 million dollars that is going to the general fund. Now, I know it's nice, if we're going to raise taxes, to bury it somewhere. Whatever we do, we must not let the citizen know what his government is costing him. We must go about increasing these compassionate programs, but don't let people know that their tax bill just went up, even though it did. I am opposed to increasing this tax, and I would hope that the, either the Revenue Department, the Revenue Committee or Health and Welfare, or both, would join forces and identify a program that we can look at as respectable legislators and say, we have provided this kind of a program, it is serving this many people, and it is effectively rehabilitating these many, because if you look at the reports you have in front of you, and if you look at the report from Mr. Ford's department, you're not going to know a blessed thing about what you did with over a million dollars last year. Now I think that is highly irresponsible action on the part of this Legislature, and to throw more funds at it to me is another typical government wasteful expense. I think I probably will offer a kill motion for this bill in hopes that these two committees can combine forces, concentrate what funds we're going to spend in one agency, and have some kind of an accounting that does not say we paid so many thousand dollars for so many contract hours of so many psychologists and sociologists, and have no idea in the world what the result of those programs have been. This is irresponsible government, and thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle, and then Senator Schmit, and then Senator Venditte. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I think I'd like to ask Senator Cullan a couple of questions first, if he'd yield.

SENATOR CULLAN: Yes, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: These increased...the increased amount of money that you're asking for, is that earmarked in any special way?

SENATOR CULLAN: No, the increased amount of tax, the increased revenue in this generated as a result of the Committee amendments, and as they have been amended, about