

this program, are the most capable or not. I'm not qualified to say that. But, Senator Murphy, I would just suggest that rather than do what you are proposing we look into the personnel handling of this, if this is the problem. I really don't know. I know that they are doing some good in some places, in the area where I live I can see some definite improvements. Of course it had a lot of improving to do, but I hesitate to support you in this motion without looking into the real problem if it is a problem of personnel.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Powers.

SENATOR POWERS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I realize that I am new here but I do know a little bit about what is being tried to be done with these alcoholic funds. One thing that I was very proud of when I came here and I reviewed the performance of the Legislature in the last several years and the enlightenment that I have seen in Nebraska and I truly can say, the Legislature should be very proud of the great strides that they have made. Now this is almost a baby girl or whatever you want to call it, it is new and you have got to crawl before you walk. I no doubt, this bureau is no more perfect than any other bureau in the state. However, I don't believe that just an arbitrary, an arbitrary 16% cut in their funds to teach them a lesson is going to be productive. I would stand opposed to Senator Murphy's amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would merely indicate what I think the Appropriations Committee is recommending was the full appropriation of an increase from the tax on alcohol that was enacted a year ago to go for this purpose. It is true that those funds were deposited in the General Fund but it is our understanding that the intent of the increase in tax was to go to this program. The only ear marking that we did do was that originally it was only for eight months collection, eight or nine months collections, the additional full twelve months this year in the amount of about \$270,000 was ear marked to use for teenage alcoholism and unless there is a change in the tax structure or basic legislation I guess our assumption was and is that this is the place that these funds should go.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I worked for a number of years with the mental health and the alcoholism program