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the amendment and I think this is the first one I may have voted for that does crack the budget.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, just briefly, this LB 388 was kicked around for two years in Judiciary Committee. It was taken from one reservation to the other and three of them were finally in it and then two of them were in it and then Santee was in it alone but in visiting with the county commissioners from Knox County in which Santee is located along with Senator Hefner, it was brought to our attention that as you well know the mill levy limit for counties is 14.28. However, their mill levy is right at nine mills and they do have a cushion there that they could take care of this if they wanted to. Knox County apparently doesn't want to. I wouldn't object to going for the \$80,000 because it is a small amount and would solve a problem for one year and that is just what it would do. It would solve the problem for one year. Then we are back where we are right now. I think that Knox County could well do this and it is in the law now where they can do it. Counties can agree with villages or cities in their boundaries to handle any such problems as this. In fact, they can handle the policing of the area involved but they don't want to because they said if they did it for one they would have to do it for another, not necessarily so. They can do it for a dollar a year if they want to but the county commissioners of Knox County don't want to take the bull by the horns. They want us to do it for them. Here we go again saying, state, you do for us what we should be doing ourselves. Then we turn around and say, state, why do you have to stick your nose into all of our business? I don't object to the \$80,000 so much as it is a piecemeal procedure that we are facing here.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark, oh he turned his light out. Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I have a question of Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR MURPHY: What is the breakdown of this funding, Senator Hefner? What does \$80,000 buy and who receives it? Does Knox County receive it or is it going to go to a current Indian law enforcement agency that is in place on the reservation?