

through on drug enforcement purposes. That is a term which currently exists in the Nebraska Constitution. And we define it to include, but not be limited to, the following, "when used or expended by law enforcement agencies or their agents in discharging their responsibilities concerning traffic in controlled substances and in suppressing the abuse of the controlled substances." That is listed as salaries for informants and any expenses of all agents and informants, and flash money for drug purchases. If you have ever sat through a Judiciary hearing of the various vocabulary that is used in the illegal drug trafficking law enforcement, flash money is the money, often large amounts of money, that is needed to flash to your illegal drug trafficker, and then, of course, you also need money, walk money, for the drug purchases. This is money that you have to let walk because the whole thrust and focus of combating illegal drug trafficking is to get to the top, to get to the big guy. To do that often requires both a combination of the walk money and flash money. I consulted closely with law enforcement officials in drafting this above definition to make certain that those that are enforcing our drug laws know specifically for what purposes the forfeited money can be used for. Similar language to this already appears in Section 28-429 of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, which created the Nebraska State Patrol Drug Control Cash Fund. I move the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to rise in support of the amendment offered by Senator Pirsch. I would just like to point out that the utilization of these funds are very important, have been very helpful in the area of catching and prosecuting those individuals who push drugs. I mentioned the other day, when I had an amendment to increase the buy money, that it was important that we keep pace in this area. I would just like to support the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pirsch, would you like to close on your amendment?

SENATOR PIRSCH: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, if there is no other discussion, the question is the adoption of the Pirsch amendment. All those