

goes to the Department of Justice, back in Washington, D.C., and does not at all help our local law enforcement which oftentimes carry the greatest burden of a drug investigation. So we do want to make sure that the federal government now, if they are willing, will allow our local law enforcement to seize this property and to be able to keep it for local law enforcement uses. So please note that this amendment affects only seized or forfeited property held by federal law enforcement agencies. And any property being held by local or state agencies would still be subject to the provisions of LB 247 as it is now drafted and amended. Mr. Lahners indicated in his letter that he currently has a request from the Nebraska State Patrol to take a vehicle, which was seized in the joint operation and is uncertain, because of the present state of the law in Nebraska, whether he can turn the vehicle over to the State Patrol. This amendment would alleviate this problem. I urge the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, you did not wish to speak to this, did you? All right. Any further discussion on the second Pirsch amendment? The question is the adoption of the second Pirsch amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Pirsch's second amendment to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The second Pirsch amendment is adopted. Do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have a series of amendments from Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers is excused until he arrives.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Is anybody authorized to take Senator Chambers' amendments to the bill? If not, do you have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: No, sir, nothing further.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Fellow senators, we have an opportunity to accomplish at least three things, and possibly four, in this bill. We can raise revenue for