

schools where none has been collected before. We can relieve the taxpayer from providing the funds for drug law enforcement budgets. We can hurt illegal drug traffickers where it hurts the most, in their pocketbooks. Like any other business, illegal drug trafficking relies on capital to buy drugs, to provide attorneys, and to provide an ongoing business, a business which is devastating to our communities. Hopefully, there will be a fourth by-product of this bill. There will be less drugs available for children and young adults in the schools and on the streets of our communities. The proposed...the constitutional amendment, which was passed last November by the electorate, called on this money to be divided between the local law enforcement and the schools. This legislation follows up on that and, again, keeps that money where the biggest expense is, at the local law enforcement level. It also then would provide half to our school fund and perhaps provide some kind of benefit there. We don't know how much this is going to collect. We don't know how much illegal drug profits will be confiscated. But we do know that, if we can hurt the drug trafficker in their pocketbook that it will hurt the most and our schools and our county and city law enforcement will benefit. With that, I urge the adoption...the advance of this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hoagland, did you wish to speak about the advancement of the bill, please?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me say only one word, Mr. Speaker, and that is to remind the body that this bill implements a constitutional amendment that was adopted by the voters last November pertaining to how the funds are to be distributed once they are seized in these kinds of drug raids. I would also urge the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any closing, Senator Pirsch?

SENATOR PIRSCH: (Response inaudible.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 247, Mr. President.