

package...well, they are self-explanatory. They are relatively small items, but we did identify three and I should have deferred to Senator Carsten because he was going to speak on it and I started talking. Cal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it's all right, Senator Warner. You can go right ahead, no problem. However, I think we do need to, as I have before me the areas that the Department of Revenue informed us would be deleted and as Senator Warner said, a bulk of those are in the areas are turnovers and vacancies that would not be filled. One was in the Audit Division and they would eliminate six auditors which would amount to the amount of 142,000. In addition there would be about 21,000 travel money that would be associated with that division, too. In the Tax Policy Division there would be the elimination of one full-time employee with about a \$27,000 impact there. In the Field Services Division the cost of the elimination of six full-time employees and \$3,000 in travel money is estimated to be in the area of 128,000. The elimination of the total of \$318,000 in Personal Services, travel and so forth, from the budget is a pretty good-sized amount, but at any rate, this is the area in which they said that they would be making their cuts. This is not all inclusive, however. As Senator Warner said, there were three areas of lesser amounts that would also be included in it. But in any event, it is a 3 percent cut and these are the areas which they informed us the cuts would be made, a total of 318.9 thousand dollars. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, both Senators Warner and Carsten did an excellent job in explaining the proposed reduction by 3 percent of the budget for the Department of Revenue. I am offering an amendment which runs contrary to the stream. I am offering an amendment to let the Department of Revenue to leave its budget alone. My amendment is to keep the money in place and I really hope that you will give this amendment your thoughtful consideration and your vote and I will tell you why. To the extent that we reduce our Department of Revenue's ability to audit tax returns and to collect taxes, we will literally reduce our income flow. Study after study