

fact, we believe that they can and in light of that, I would hope that you would believe that that department will continue to operate in a good, efficient manner. They will spread their people as they see fit to get the job done and I'm sure they are going to do it. I would hope that you would reject the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Haberman, then Senator Labedz.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I'm going to support the Appropriations Committee just because of one issue. We had a public hearing on lotteries and pickle cards about ten days ago and the Revenue Department reported to us that a minimum of \$600,000 a year is being lost because the pickle card law is not being enforced and I questioned the Revenue Department quite closely on this and they came up with one excuse. They went to a county attorney and asked him to enforce the law and he said that I don't have time to enforce the law, I'm trying a murder case. Well, I think that that was a mighty poor excuse to pick out just that one specific item for an excuse. So then I asked the question, for all of the rest of the county attorneys in the State of Nebraska who are not, quite obviously enforcing the pickle card law, do you not have the authority to go to the Attorney General and ask him to direct the county attorney to enforce the law? And the answer was yes. They do have the authority to do this. So I stand here and say that we're losing \$600,000 because they are not doing their job. More people, more people evidently will not help in getting this \$600,000 because they don't have the courage or whatever to go after those people who are not following the law. Now, maybe one of the reasons they don't want to do this is some of the organizations are of a religious origin. So, therefore, I said, what difference does that make? If they are breaking the law, they are breaking the law and they had all kinds of excuses. So under those conditions, where we're losing by their own testimony, a minimum of \$600,000 because of their inadequacy of enforcing the law, I can't see why we should buy the argument they need more people when they could enforce the law now to raise that kind of money without more staff. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Higgins, please, and then Senator Labedz.