

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes, we pay travel so that they can go out and audit and do field service work.

SENATOR PIRSCH: How many auditors does that represent?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: The travel money I can't tell you precisely the number of auditors that does represent.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well the \$269,000, that is quite a bit of personnel, isn't it?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: My recollection was that that represented six auditors and six field service staff people, that is my recollection from the letter that Ms. Karnes gave to us about two weeks ago on this issue. That is about twelve people.

SENATOR PIRSCH: And Program 504, do you recall what that is, the \$7,000?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: How much?

SENATOR PIRSCH: \$7,224.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I'll be truthful with you, I think those are printing costs for tax returns. Now it is interesting the Revenue Committee itself had a big debate last year as to whether or not we should start charging accounting firms who ordered huge amounts of our tax returns for the tax returns. The Revenue Committee said, no, we ought not to, for crying out loud, you know we ought to at least print up tax returns at state expense so that they could be completed by taxpayers. Well, I think that the Appropriations Committee has in effect reduced the printing expense for tax returns. I think that is a mistake.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Could they not, for large volumes, charge at least something?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: They could, but we decided...we thought last year, during the regular session, that the better practice was not to impose a cost upon those large tax preparers who ordered large amounts of our tax returns.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So I guess the Appropriations Committee felt, though, that that \$7,000 expense could be done away