

Mr. President, when the Legislature recessed they were considering a Vard Johnson motion to return LB 1 to Select File for specific amendment. That amendment's purpose is to increase the General Fund appropriation to the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$318,901. Motion is to return, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, and Senator Haberman, as I recall, was next, followed by Senator Carsten, and then Senator Beutler. Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature who are present, I would like to speak in opposition to Senator Johnson's amendment. As I feel, under the present conditions, the Department of Revenue is not doing all it can to collect the monies that are floating out there that they could collect. Miss Karnes testified in front of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee that we were losing a minimum of \$600,000 a year on pickle cards and that there was really no way to trace them, that they didn't have the tools to work with was one of the reasons. So I happened to be in an establishment that had pickle cards going and on the little pickle card is the name of the organization and the licensee number who distributed the pickle cards. So, with the name of the organization and the licensee number, anyone in the Revenue Department could pick up this card and trace back where it came from and find out how much money was paid for it and did the organization get their percent by state law. Miss Karnes also testified that she was having problems with the county attorneys enforcing the law and she let it drop at that. So upon further questioning she was asked can the Attorney General's Office force the county attorneys to do their job. The answer is yes. Then she was asked, why hasn't this been done? Well, now for your information, fellow senators, the Attorney General's Office is writing letters, at a cost of, what, 2.50 to 5.00 dollars apiece, to collect the beef checkoff money, whether it be that they owe \$1.00, \$4.00, 50 cents or \$15.00. The Attorney General's Office is enforcing the law. If the money isn't paid the Attorney General's Office files suit. Now if the Attorney General's Office and the state can go after the little fellow who didn't pay the 50 cents or owes \$12.00, or \$9.00, or \$4.00 and take him into a court of law, surely the Revenue Department can figure out a way to take the people into court to collect the \$600,000 that we are losing every year by their testimony. If they collected