

like to know, does...has the committee ever reviewed with Miss Karnes the possibility as to whether or not she feels there might be additional funds that could be extracted legally, legitimately and honestly based upon the present statute if they were provided personnel, or is it impossible to do so?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Senator, the issue comes up frequently on Department of Revenue in the past and, aside from the pickle-lottery now, they use some rule of thumb figures on the addition of auditors and now we are talking primary on sales and income tax and as a rule of thumb that at some point that for every so many dollars spent that you can anticipate so many dollars return but that also is at a declining increase. You know, it gets to a point where you can spend all that you are going to collect, I suppose. As you well know, we primarily rely upon federal IRS audits for individual income tax and most of the auditing work done in revenue as far as sales and income tax deals with the corporate tax and those taxes that are involved with other states. On the side of the gasoline and motor vehicle user review, that is a separate section. I do not recall that we have ever turned down requests for additional people but I don't recall that they have asked either. That is something I have to go back and look. There is concern, as you perhaps well know, if you watched some national shows, TV shows, of misappropriating tax funds from gasoline in a variety of ways and I think there is reason to believe that that is being thoroughly investigated in Nebraska currently now as to if there is any similar occurrences going on and the individual that you are aware of, I would anticipate that we will see some changes in those areas coming about shortly.

SENATOR SCHMIT: One final comment then, Senator. I would suggest that perhaps the Appropriations Committee might ask the Tax Commissioner to review as to whether or not Brother Barrett and Pudgy honorably and accurately and honestly reported to the federal government their earnings and, if so, then I think that perhaps there might be some funds due to the State of Nebraska. I think that would be a good area to pursue. It might very well reclaim a great, great portion of the \$6 million we are trying to cut here. So I suppose I will do some checking myself in a day or so and maybe I can report back to you in a day. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner, then Senator Hefner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I just wanted to comment on one