

amendments which will take money out of the budget so there will be, hopefully, a net gain from the standpoint of revenue reductions. But this does provide for \$40,000 for additional people. Now, I yesterday met for a period of time with the young lady who is the Chairman of that...Chairperson of that division. I asked her specific questions relative to the enforcement procedures in the department. I asked her if it would embarrass her or if she would be in any difficulty if I pointed out or if I repeated what she told me. She said very frankly, and I will paraphrase these remarks, that if she had additional help, she could bring in substantial additional amounts of money. I mentioned the other day on the floor two particular instances, one, in fact, where an individual sold more than \$12 million worth of pickles, was liable for...that was what they were able to prove, they...he may very well have sold much more than that, but they proved at least 12 million. According to the rule of thumb, he was supposed to have turned over to charity at least 3 million. By the last count, he turned in something like 3200 and now he is hiding across the river in Council Bluffs. And that is a misdemeanor, by the way. They can't even extradite him. He has purloined \$3 million and that is a misdemeanor, nothing serious, I suppose. I don't know how we overlooked that little deal. The point I want to make also is that there is supposed to be a 2 percent tax on that, on the 12 million. She did not know exactly what percentage that tax she had collected, but it was reasonable to assume that if he hadn't paid the 3 million to the charity, he's been a little negligent in paying the tax. Now, we are here today trying to find where we can cut expenditures and that is a very laudable goal. There is also another area we should pursue and that is the collection of legitimate taxes owed to the state. I know that...I have discussed this a little bit with members of the Revenue Committee and there is a very distinct area where some of them feel additional procedures are necessary in order to guarantee that the taxes owed the state are, in fact, paid. Now, there are other areas which I think might well be pursued in the future. But I think that we at least ought to provide the Revenue Department with the individuals necessary to collect the taxes that are due on some kind of a systematic and regular basis. Obviously, if the County Treasurer in Butler County doesn't have staff, they can't collect the taxes. If I choose not to pay, what are they going to do about it? If they levy against me for back...for the lack of payment of taxes, what do you do if you don't have the staff to pursue it? You have got to give them the staff. Now, I raised this question a few days ago. Senator Warner had a comment, I'm sure that he will have