

they are willing to pay this, and the 1 percent was supposed to go into better enforcement of the laws. But really now they are only getting a third of that 1 percent increase in their budget and the other two-thirds is going to our General Fund. So I think what I am trying to say is that there is quite a little money going into the General Fund already and I think we should leave the 40,000 into the law enforcement part.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you. Senator Schmit, would you like to close on your amendment, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will be very brief, Mr. President and members. I think that you ought to...I hope you listened to what Senator Hefner said. He said we took in more money than we anticipated. One of the things we don't know, and I think Elroy would agree, is we don't know how much money is out there or how much money ought to be collected. It's a new area. It is kind of like looking at the top of the ocean trying to determine the depth of it. And so I would suggest that maybe this is not a bad way, and I think...I have no argument again with Senator Warner, there may be, there may be an error in just throwing money in it. He didn't really say that but I don't agree that just by throwing money in an agency you resolve the problem. What I am saying is that based upon my limited experience, there is a lot more activity out there than what we anticipated and I think that we ought to take a chance and give them the opportunity, and I am sure that both the Revenue Committee and the Appropriations Committee will visit with those people out there and discuss with them the problem, the scope of it, and see what can be done. I can cite several other instances where I know money is available in excess of that amount which we are talking about here and I think possibly I would like to sit down with Senator Warner and Senator Hefner, if this amendment is successful, and the agency, and see if there is a chance of collecting some of that. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Okay, thank you. The question is, shall the Schmit amendment be adopted? All those in favor will vote aye, those opposed will vote no. We are voting on the Schmit amendment to LB 1. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Schmit's amendment.