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for a total then of twenty special investigators to the Highway Patrol's special drug investigators division. The bill has been discussed several times before. If no one has any...if anyone has any questions, I would be glad to answer them. If not, I move the bill be advanced to E & R.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the bill?
Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, may I ask Senator Schmit a question or two.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I will.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Schmit, I notice in the bill that you were the only one that spoke in favor of the bill which reminds me of some other bill we had here where Colonel Krueger did not appear on another request for three legal counselors before your committee...for your bill. So, I'm wondering did Colonel Krueger appear at this committee hearing in asking for these special investigators?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Colonel Krueger did not appear at the hearing, Senator Whitney. I did not ask him to appear. I visited with him prior to the drafting of the bill. He assured me that this was the number of additional investigators he needed and with that assurance I drafted the bill. If you will notice also it provides for an additional \$50,000 for the special drug control fund then there is to the \$50,000 we appropriated last year. He also requested that.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, here again we are circumventing the Budget Committee and we are not giving, in my judgment, a standing committee the privilege of cross examination to determine what the need is and it would seem to me that we should not accept this until the Budget Committee has had the privilege of cross examining Mr. Krueger and until we have an opportunity of passing on the Budget and then if the Budget Committee does not accept the requirements of, let us say, Colonel Krueger and others in favor of this, then it can be amended here on the floor at a later time and I'm just getting tired of having the Budget or Appropriations Committee circumvented and coming here and asking for certain increases in numbers of people for certain departments of state government. We could pick out any one of say eighty-five different departments of state government and say they need more of this and they need more persons there and really, we are not, in my judgement, following the rules of this Legislature when we do this.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and fellow members, since I've been around here eight or nine years I am wondering if... we have been adding and adding and adding to the State Patrol. Now, I'm not against LB 13, but I wonder if there is some way we could put some kind of an incentive...build an incentive for production. I don't know if you would use a bounty system or something of that type in the area of drugs so there would be some reward for producing. Is that possible, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yeah, Senator Nore. I agree with you that we need to get some production in this area and, again, I don't know just how to explain to Senator Whitney why I did this because I've done it several times before. But, I want to say here and now that since the last objection by Senator Whitney when I called for this three additional...for a minimum of three