

investigators recommended by the Governor very generously so, are going to be Federally financed. It's a special program, special project and they have nothing at all to do with the type of program which we have in mind under the bills which I have proposed. It took no courage to accept those men because they're going to be Federally funded and they are going to be on a special program. Secondly, Senator Kennedy referred to the problem of the judiciary and I respectfully suggest that that problem is being attempted to be dealt with through Senator Luedtke and some of the work they have done, very excellent work they have done to the Judiciary Committee and I, I can sympathize with his problem, I know it was a serious one, but I don't think that Senator Kennedy voted for those 3 special prosecutors that we provided under the first bill, under L.B. 14 so if he's really concerned about getting convictions, then I think you need to be concerned enough to vote for those prosecutors because that's what we had in mind under L.B. 14. Now, I don't know just how emphatic I have to be when I stand up here and discuss about the request made by the Patrol themselves. I think that all of us here are mature enough to understand that no department head is going to come in here and request more men, more money than the Governor recommends. The Governor appoints the department head. The Governor hires and fires. If the fellows like their jobs and most of them do, most of them think they're competent and qualified and capable of performing those jobs and they're interested in them. They're going to do the best job they can under the guidelines that the Governor lays down for them and again, I am not critical of the Governor for his recommendation. The Governor has the entire aspect of State Government to be concerned with but there is nothing sacred about the Governor's recommendations. The Governor is one man, the Governor has a staff and they come up with the recommendations and they provide to this body; but that doesn't mean that we have to buy it lock, stock, barrel and baggage and if we do, then the Budget Committee and this body just as well go home and Senator Carpenter has offered you that opportunity a number of times. When you come here--this body, if you just want to take the Governor's recommendations, pack up your suitcase and go back, and we'll be out of here in a few days; but if you want to accept your responsibility, then you take the thing apart and you do what you think is right and you take the pressure that necessarily comes before it. Now, I'm a little amazed when I see some of the people who oppose these bills, especially my good friend, Senator Mahoney. I remember that we were discussing one of those bills that we introduced last session, Senator Proud and I cooperated on, L.B. 1456 and he opposed that bill originally and at the risk of becoming, of my friend the Speaker saying I'm becoming personal again, I'm going to quote one of Senator Mahoney's statements, he said it was one of the best bills we passed in the last session of the Legislature and I, you know, wisdom is always appreciated but latent wisdom is especially appreciated, Senator Mahoney and I would hope that perhaps a year from now, Senator Mahoney, you would rise before this Legislature and say that these bills were good bills and that they were doing a job. Now, again we don't know, we have no way of knowing what the effect of these bills will be. Senator Keyes refers to the police state. Well, I would suggest that we're not in as much danger of having a police state as we are a crime ridden state. The one area in which I think the people are definitely concerned is the increase in crime and the increase in criminal activity. Since we have introduced these bills, I have received many, many letters. I have received letters from the parents of the children, young men and young women, 17, 16, 14 years of age who have left home, who are on hard drugs, whose lives have been ruined and I suggest that if it were my child or any other member of this body's child, no price would be too--too steep to pay to combat the menace. We don't know whether we're going to get the job done with this amount of money and this type of a program but as Senator Syas has pointed out, if someone else has a better