

SPEAKER: Very good. Chair--Senator Schmit, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, I yield.

SPEAKER: Thank you.

SENATOR STROMER: Senator Schmit, I think there has been some conversation concerning the cost of this. Did we not pass a previous, previously a bill of yours, L.B. 76 to take care of part of the cost?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator Stromer, you're right, L.B.76 was passed in this Legislature by more than 40 votes and does provide funding and, of course, we did not earmark it because, one of the reasons was we did not want to hamstring anyone or to hamstring the Governor. This bill does provide with the emergency clause, \$120,000 of money, of funding for this fiscal year. The next fiscal year, 73-74, will provide over \$900,000 of funding and it is projected that the 1974-75, the bill will provide more than \$1,000,000 of funding. Now the total package of bills which we have introduced here and which will be heard before this body, will not cost in excess of three quarters of a million dollars if we pass them all and so, therefore, the money has been funded, it is not going to, we're not going to take money from any other program that the Governor intended on this bill. This is new funding and it should support all these programs.

SENATOR STROMER: O.K. Mr. President and fellow Members. I think one of the points of discussion has been the cost and not that anybody would disagree that it would be worth spending the money, but I think we also need to keep in mind that we already have provided as Senator Schmit has indicated with a previous bill of his, for the funding for these particular legal counsels for the State Patrol. I think it has already been---we have had much debate already on the need and so I think that in this particular instance since we have provided for the cost, that we should override the veto.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion now of Senator Schmit's motion. Any further discussion? If there is no further discussion then Senator Schmit may close on his motion on L.B. 14. Senator Schmit is now closing and the Chair is going to rule there will be no questions asked of Senator Schmit after his closing. Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. We have discussed the bill thoroughly several times. I appreciate the support that has been voiced here for the bill. I appreciate the, the concern expressed by Senator Whitney in regard to the position taken by the Governor in his recommendation that an Assistant Attorney General be assigned to this position, but I feel and I think the majority of this body feels and I hope that more than 30 members of this body feel that this is not the route to take but rather the route to take is the route we have laid down under L.B. 14 which stated very simply, says that the State, Nebraska Safety Patrol shall hire not less than three legal advisers to assist the County Attorneys and to advise the Patrol upon all legal matters. Now there is a long line of precedents in this area; other areas of state government, other agencies have legal counsel that are not assistant attorneys general and therefore, it is my feeling that these people should be responsible directly to the Superintendent of the Nebraska Safety Patrol and to him alone and that he should be held responsible for their activity and their actions and at the same time, if the problem is not solved, then he is the man who will answer for it. At this time I want to ask you again, urge you to give a yes vote on the motion to override. Thank you.