

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So although we call their pockets local for the purpose of the pawnshop, it is the same pockets that the state and the locality will derive tax money from, or revenue?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, the revenue that is in the hands, Senator Johnson has given up. So now he says he is searching for revenue and he gives us an appearance, a shadow without substance. He wants a bill which he himself will acknowledge is not going to bring in the \$17 million that could be derived were the bill constitutional and were the state able to collect the amount that has been projected as recoverable, were this bill to pass. All those are ifs and suppositions. Now we have a number of conservatives not only in this Legislature, but outside the Legislature who have been very upset about what they call frivolous lawsuits. Now here is "Rock Rib" conservative Elroy Hefner who is also against frivolous lawsuits saying that even if the bill is constitutional, let it go to court and be challenged there even though such a bill has been struck down in other places. What can be more frivolous in the way of a lawsuit than that? But when it comes to pushing of certain ideas, conservatives can become very, very radical and a person such as myself called radical and extreme becomes very conservative in saying, honor the legislative process and the constitutional system which says that bills that violate the constitutional provisions ought not be enacted by this Legislature. What we should keep in mind is that with 25 votes we can put anything into the law books that we choose. We passed a resolution a couple of years ago that heralded the millennium and outlawed or abolished poverty and all the other problems in the state, but the passing of that resolution did not accomplish the stated goal of the resolution. So passing this bill I think would be a grave mistake. Senator Johnson, the other day when I asked him whether or not the \$17 million they claim would be derived from this bill should be considered in building a budget and he said no. Yet, Governor Orr, who is seeking a \$2.00 increase in the cost for a certified copy of a driver's license saying it would bring in \$1.3 million, has figured that \$1.3 million into her budget and I think subtracted 1.3 million from the Department of Motor Vehicles, so that's what you do when you feel that the money is really going to be there or there is a strong likelihood. This, that we're engaging in with this bill, is a shadow show. We're not going to make Congress do anything by passing this bill,