

for the state to give you some money. The native American law enforcement fund, or whatever it was. Weren't you asking the state to give your county some money?

SENATOR HEFNER: I was asking the state to give the Village of Santee some money, not the county.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is that village in a county which you represent?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Hefner wants to say, don't do anything with reference to the county and he is jumping two steps. He is hopscotching over the county down to the local village. The point is that different issues can easily be blurred if we are imprecise in our analysis or our discussion of those issues. There is no way that we can make all of these different county officials the same. So I wish that there would be honesty when we discuss this matter. When I bring up other types of recommendations relative to law enforcement, I hear so much of the opposite kind of comments about the police officer this, the sheriff that. They have to be given this consideration that other citizens are not given. Then when time comes to pay for the things that everybody is advocating the conservatives threaten suddenly to become stingy, tightfisted scrooges. They want the sheriff to be highly trained. They want him to be highly qualified, but they don't want to pay for it. Law enforcement is an obligation of the state. If the county is not properly meeting its obligations, the state must step in and do something about it. That is what LB 628 does. I hope you will defeat Senator Kahle's amendment. But as I have been told before, they will have a thousand of them and hope to amend the bill to death, so I am not going to talk on all their amendments. I hope they will be defeated, and I will say this again. I am not going to move to shut off debate. I am not going to move to prevent them from offering amendments, but eventually I think that what they are trying to do will be self-defeating and appropriate conclusions can be drawn by the rest of the body as to what is being attempted on this bill, not a genuine effort to improve and upgrade law enforcement, but they are behaving something like the Governor. Whoever made the last noise and made the loudest noise, sways their opinion. The Governor may feel more highly political than the Legislature as a whole should feel. Nevertheless, it is for him to decide how he should discharge his duties. I don't think