

Senator Haberman who thinks the same thing, or perhaps I use the wrong word when I say they think, who nonthinkingly make statements like that. We have to look at the reality that is before us. We know that native Americans are not viewed as full-fledged human beings so perhaps the problems that they encounter may not be considered to be too serious or too important or worthy of the Legislature's consideration. I think this is a valid issue. I think the problem is grave and I want to support this amendment. I will vote to support it and despite the kind of arguments that might be made against it, I do not want to see these reservation areas left without law enforcement. One of the reasons I was against LB 388 was because it was designed to give some money to Gordon, a city which had more than a third of its budget provided by these native Americans who they invited off the reservations and invited from neighboring state, the neighboring state to come and consume alcohol. Then these merchants after making all this money did not want to assume any of the responsibility for the problems created by their selling of the alcohol. So Gordon wanted to come to the state and say, pay for the problems that we are inviting into the city. Yea, we want them to come and spend all this money but then we are tired of them. We don't want them on the street. We don't want them intoxicated. We don't want to have to look at them so we want the state to give us some money to clean up a problem that we have created. I would not support that bill, 388, not to bail out Gordon but for an amendment which Senator Hefner is trying to get which would go as far I think as an amendment can go in insuring that this money will go where it should go. I am going to support it and I hope enough of you will support it to see that it is adopted.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: No, I put my light off.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Dworak. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, again these are one of these issues that did not specifically come to the Appropriation Committee as a request for funding. What we did authorize for funding in this area is what the statute requires and that has been law for some years and that was the funding to assist with law enforcement in those selected counties that are identified by or fit the criteria identified by law and at that level. So the level that is in the bill is for that purpose and that is how we arrived at it.