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are abusing so that they do become straight, so that they do get back into society and get off of whatever that substance may be, only makes good sense. We read daily in the papers, at least in the Omaha paper, about the gang problems and they are simply and solely drug related because of the monies that are...I hate to use the word "earned" but are generated because of that trade. The issue here is one of prevention and a slight increase, based on the limited funds that have been available, even though there are a number of...and I would not expect all of the money that is earmarked from the alcohol tax to be...that is raised from the alcohol tax to be earmarked towards substance abuse programs. But I think a greater share of that dollar, to the tune of 456,000, should go into substance abuse. Based on what is currently raised and what was raised in 1988, roughly, there is about 25 percent that flows into substance abuse programs. Granted, this is a tax that is on a commodity that is going down in consumption and that argument, I'm sure, is one that is very valid. But if it takes a tax increase on alcohol in the upcoming years, I would be willing to support that because it has been approximately four years since that has taken place. The fact of the matter is that additional monies have been raised. The industry, the alcohol industry supported those tax increase because they were told and they felt that the money was going to be earmarked for prevention and that's why that was such an easy sell for them to support the tax increase. The fact of the matter is when Governor Kerrey vetoed that A bill very little of that money went into substance abuse and we have had a very difficult time over the last few years trying to redirect some of those resources from the General Fund that flow into these programs. I would urge the body's consideration and support for this measure. It adds 456,000 into a much needed area in the area of substance abuse. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hannibal, please, followed by Senator Nelson.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, Senator Hall, I'm going to rise to oppose the amendment but I would like to ask Senator Hall a question if I may.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, please.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.