

money should come from, LB 769, \$18.2 million. That little tiny, pittance amount, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$25, may be back to the average person up and down the street. I will tell you, my people, someone making \$30,000, a family of four, give them \$10,000 standard deductions and deducts, let's bring them down to 20,000 and I think that little pittance amount that they get back is like \$12. I'll tell you that my people in my community would rather see \$12 spent for alcohol and drug abuse and prevention, if it's possible, than that pittance amount on LB 769. So I guess we have our priorities and where we want it to go and where we don't. Last year one of the needs was a shelter for the homeless in Omaha that could have been funded. I know that it's a serious problem but this is money that was...the public are willingly paying this money. It is money that is being taxed to the people on alcohol and drugs, excuse me, on wines and spirits and beer and so on and so it's not that the money hasn't been generated from those people and they want and they are crying for more help on the alcohol and the drug problem. So, Senator Hannibal, that's just one suggestion of mine where we can find \$456,000. We each want to have our own priority and I would hope that the body would give this serious consideration because the money is generated, the money has been designated but it's simply not coming through for a needed program. And I have the same reservations on a lot of the budget as anyone of the Appropriations Committee or Senator Hannibal, but I wish that you would give this serious consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, followed by Senator Labeledz and Senator Schmit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature...

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, Senator Chambers has the floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen...