

questioning the expenditure of the funds, the method or the...I don't feel that there is anything going on that is funny. All I am trying to say is, and I will accept if there are some of the funds that the expenditures should remain confidential, that's fine with me, I'm willing to accept that. But I feel that we should have some sort of a report and I, quite frankly, will accept whatever you submit, Senator Schmit, but I would like to have something submitted to the Clerk, and if I have some time left will, Senator...you're next anyway? Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, please, followed by Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in strong support of LR 232. The...being a member of that committee has probably been the most difficult part of anything I have ever done in the Legislature. To listen to the witnesses that we've had and to find what has happened to a lot of our young people in the City of Omaha I just can't imagine anyone saying that we should quit now. Senator Haberman, Kirk Naylor and Jerry Lowe started in February. They resigned July 13, 1989, and at that point the expenses were \$56,132 which left, in round figures, about \$44,000 for the new investigators, John Stevens Barry and the investigator. That 44,000 is now spent. It is essential and very, very important that we receive more money. We cannot quit now. If we do, we're letting a lot of people down that have come forward with...and it was very difficult for them to do it. I truthfully and honestly believe those young people and to quit now would be devastating not only for the children, but for the committee themselves. We feel very strongly that we should continue and we may not even need the 200,000, but so help me, if we don't get it and we quit now, we're letting not only the people down, the young people down, but we're letting the people of this state down because we have quit and that's one thing that I will never do and we can't do it without any money and that is very, very important and I think that every one of us on this floor should gladly appropriate the 200,000. As I said, it may be that we may not even need it, but, believe me, if Senator Haberman, if he would like to go down to the accounting office and get a copy of the expenditures that I, as Chairman of the Exec Board, had to approve, you will find that you don't get any information as to where the investigator went, who did he talk to as you and I would do if we were turning in an expense report. You will find the expenses in total, broken