

and you read the penalty and you read the rest of the summary on LB 260, and in answer to some of Senator Warner's concerns, I don't think that there is any intent that it be a revenue measure but it is, in fact, a revenue issue. And it's kind of an ironic situation Senator Chambers points out, you have increased the tax, increased the price, increased the revenue, so then you come back and you start the round robin situation again and, at some point, you hope you have some revenue out here to combat the traffic in drugs. The facts are these. In the State of Nebraska the last year or two everybody has gotten hot on drugs, want to stop the traffic in drugs, going to do something to stop the traffic in drugs. The public wants to do something about drugs. The Governor was quoted in the paper several days ago, the public is fed up with the attitude toward drugs and I think that's...to paraphrase what she said, I agree. I agree that the public was fed up 10 years ago and 15 years ago, but we didn't do one heck of a lot on this floor insofar as putting a crimp in that activity. Oh, yeah, we chased the kids up and down. About three or four months ago, coming down to Lincoln, I heard one morning the good news, I guess, terrifying, depending upon where you were, that arrests had been issued for 82 persons in the Grand Island area and all the hoopla that went along with it, going to put a real crimp in the war on drugs. To the best of my knowledge, ladies and gentlemen, there is probably more marijuana growing on the average farm and along the fence lines in Nebraska than was confiscated in that entire major episode. I have not heard nor I don't know if anyone else has of how many convictions or how many years of sentences were handed down for that major crackdown on drugs. The major benefit, if any, from it was that it might have slowed a few people down or shifted a few people around, but insofar as stopping the drug traffic in Nebraska, you just as well try to add salt to the ocean, didn't do much at all, reorganized a little bit. At some point in time, we're going to be faced on this floor, sooner rather than later, with a shortage of revenue again. When that happens, as has been pointed out many times by the Appropriations Committee Chairman and others, our expenditures here are locked in in many areas, not much we can do about most of them. So we have to then cut other areas that have some flexibility. The war on drugs will be one of the first to go. The war on drugs reminds me somewhat of other activities and I had a very good friend who was dying of cancer and he was telling me, he said, you know, Loran, there are more people living off of cancer than are dying from it. And he was totally serious. He said we have spent so much money on