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money from people which they really have no basis for believing were used in violation of the law. And the case citation or the case head note would not be the U.S... The United States of America versus Matt Connealy, it would be The United States of America versus a sum of money, because no crime is being charged, and this person never has to be charged with a crime, let alone be convicted. So the action is taken against the money. Then you have to prove that it's yours and that it was not used in violation of the law. So here's what they do to show how nice they are. You tell them, you took this money from me in Omaha, but you're going to make me go to a court in Minneapolis to fight it. I've got to pay transportation costs, I've got to pay the cost of living there, and I've got to hire a Minnesota lawyer. They say, yeah, that's true, but we'll make a deal with you, let us keep 40 percent of it, and we'll give you the other 60 percent back and you don't have to come to court. They extort money. They use some of the most vicious tactics that you find in the underworld against the citizens of this country and, in this instance, against the citizens of this state. I find it inexcusable, I find it reprehensible. But the main thing that I'm looking at today is that there is clear language in the constitution of this state. There are detailed statutes dealing with this very subject, and yet there seems to be an astonishing tolerance of violation of the law by those who were sworn to uphold it. Now, this amendment says that when that money, I'm paraphrasing, is funneled through the federal government for the purpose of laundering it, when it comes back to the state from whence it originated, it is subject to the provisions of the constitution and the laws of this state dealing with that kind of money. Other states have tried to deal with this problem, but apparently they don't have the type of constitutional provision that we have, or they don't have people in their Legislature, like those that are in this Legislature, who take seriously the laws. If people in law enforcement think they don't have enough money to do their job, let them seek an appropriation, but don't steal.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We've all heard the expression, it takes a thief to catch a thief. That's not saying that law enforcers should become thieves. Those who enforce the law should not