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being made. That's what these people are doing. Why wait until it's already over and done with, then they have to have more money for drug court? We need to keep doing what we're doing. Congressman Tom Osborne had said...I know Senator Mines referenced something he said. He argues that if the state picks up the funding for one year, it will allow time to lobby Congress to totally restore the federal funding by next year. Apparently, what happened was that when President Bush nixed this, local law enforcement didn't find out till the second week of January. So that's way and yonder beyond when...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR COMBS: ...the Governor had his budget together, so the Governor could not include it in his. So where did they go? They went for a last-minute hurrah to the feds, who, as he said, gave us a large portion of the money back. But we need something to carry us through at least for a year. And I would certainly be amenable to that. Two law enforcement officers were quoted here. Sheriff Dale Radcliff: It could make a big impact. It would be difficult, if not impossible, for local law enforcement to conduct our own undercover investigations, because everybody knows who we are. It also makes me wonder about government. They say they want to fight drugs, then they cut off the funds for it. Do they really mean it? And the York police chief says: It would be impossible for us to conduct the number of investigations that RAP does. We would need between two and four new officers just to conduct the number of investigations. If the drug task force loses funding, it will put...the burden will fall on all our local agencies. So please, if this is one program that the feds are cutting...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR COMBS: Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Combs. The next speaker will be Senator Thompson, followed by Senators Pederson, Redfield, Flood, Chambers, Loudon, Engel, and Combs. Senator Thompson.