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government, when we need one of these inmates, parolees, persons on work release, or the others who are prohibited from working as snitches for a state law enforcement agency, we want a federal person to come in and work with this individual and put him or her in that position of being a snitch, because the law will not bind the federal government. And they did it. And not too long ago, the State Patrol got into a deal of that kind, and the Nebraska Supreme Court said, oh, no, buddy, it's not going to work. The State Patrol was too deeply involved, and you cannot use the evidence procured, because it violates the provision of statute that I read to you. So the State Patrol is willing to try to circumvent the law, and they've tried to do it. And by so doing, they put people at risk, because when you're a snitch, you're engaging in risky business. The federal government is willing to go along with that tawdry, underhanded disregard for Nebraska's law. But we have people who stand on this floor and act as if people who, just because they're sworn officers, are pure and not going to do anything wrong. After that incident, there are other things that can be mentioned...or, I should say, in addition. Section...Article VII, Section 5 of the Nebraska Constitution points out that with a few exceptions that are related to traffic matters, overweight trucks and so forth, all fines and forfeitures are to go to the support of the schools, with an exception. A provision was added to the constitution, with the assistance of the education lobby and the police. The police wanted to have a way to get some of the money that was derived from forfeitures that occurred in connection with enforcement of drug laws. So the cops and the education establishment formed an unholy alliance, and that provision was placed on the ballot and added to the constitution. And what the forfeited money is supposed to wind up doing, 50 percent would go into the school fund; however, Article VII, Section 5, subsection (2) says, 50 percent of all money forfeited or seized pursuant to enforcement of the drug laws shall belong to and be paid over to the counties for drug enforcement purposes as the Legislature may provide. Well, the cops don't want money to go into the school fund, nor do they want it to go to the counties, the same people that Senator Stuthman and all these people are standing up here supporting because they think their sheriff is such a wonderful person. Well, is not this drug money and are not