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vehicles and conveyance used in drug deals being forfeited? Certainly. Well, if the constitution says that 50 percent goes to the counties for drug enforcement and 50 percent go to the schools, why is that not happening? Because these law enforcement people, in whom Senator Flood has absolute confidence, Senator Mines has absolute confidence, Senator Stuhr and others have absolute confidence, once again went to the federal government, and they said, we need to find a way to circumvent the Nebraska Constitution; can you help? And with winks and nods, the federal law enforcement people say, of course we can; we're just like the Bloods and the Crips; we have our uniforms, we have a code; sure, we'll help you get around the constitution, just as we help you get around that statute that prevents certain people from being snitches. The federal government will make them snitch, and now the federal government has gotten involved in local law enforcement, and part of it through this mess that Senator Flood and others want to keep funded by this amendment that Senator Pederson brought to us. So here's how they do it. When they think that they're at a set of circumstances or a juncture in an investigation or the taking of money or vehicle, then the federal agent will come in and take it. The federal government then has it, and when the federal government gives money or conveyances that were forfeited to the federal government, they give it back to the counties and the local police. And none of it goes to the county, as such. It goes to local law enforcement, and it does not go into the school fund. So when Senator Raikes and others are so worried about what is going to happen to money that ought to go into the school funds, they never look at law enforcement because they're so naive that they think all cops are honest. They think they're all trustworthy. They think they all uphold the law because they swore to do so. They think they all respect the constitution because they were sworn to uphold and enforce and respect it. But when you get down to what actually is done, you see that they are as bad as any cutthroat crooks on the street, except that they're accountable to nobody. Then they can get the legislators to give them money in the way that the money is being sought here today. I say again,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.