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A laboratory report from the Kansas Bureau

died on the way to the hospital after highway patrol troopers shot him four times near the east I-70 exit in Sherman County.

Marijuana is not usually associated with violent behavior, but Kyle Smith, a KBI spokesman, said some drugs may not show up in blood or urine

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Legislator says cut spending

By Doug Stephens

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The 2002 legislative session began last week, and the state's tight budget seems to be the main focus.

Gov. Bill Graves outlined a plan on Monday during his the State of the State address to raise \$228 million through extra taxes on sales, cigarettes, motor fuel and vehicle registration. He said the increases were needed to close the gap between expected revenue and pending commitments.



Morrison

Rep. Jim Morrison, who represents Goodland and Colby, said he isn't thrilled about the idea. Taxes shouldn't be raised, he said, because there is no reason Kansas should have a budget deficit.

"The state has as much money this year, or more, than last," he said. "There is no reason to cut services or to raise taxes.

"We haven't grown as fast as we planned, but we do have money."

Morrison said he is opposed to Graves' proposal to raise taxes. He says the state should instead concentrate on controlling its spending.

Morrison claims that the state wastes \$6-7 million a year on programs and expenses it doesn't need.

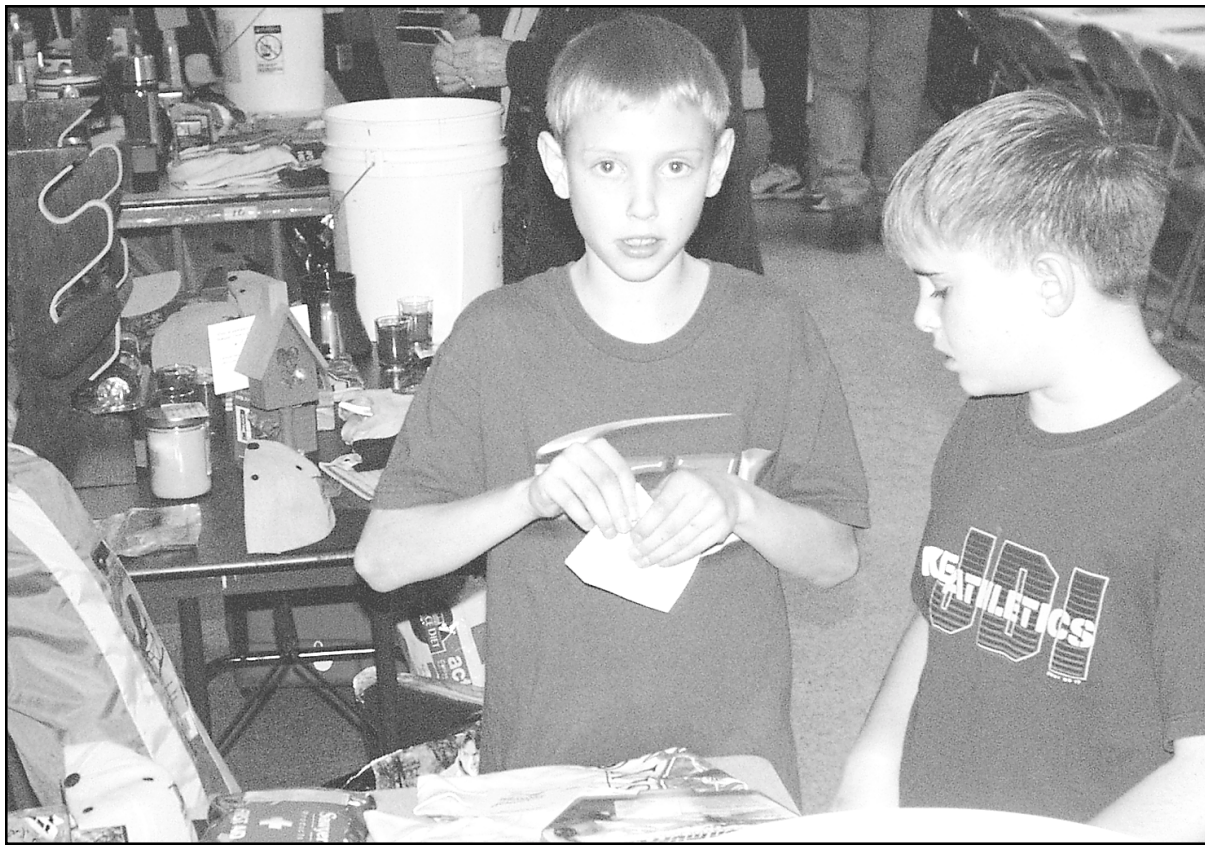
Buying buildings, building underground parking lots and increasing the number of consultants on the public payroll have all got to stop, he says.

"We have a top-heavy administration in this state," he said. "I am tired of it.

"The legislature complains the school boards are top heavy. We are not looking at ourselves enough. They should look at the State of Kansas if they want to see top heavy.

"Why do we need all these employees? We don't need all these people in Topeka. Why aren't they in our area working for us?"

Morrison said the state should hold



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