

SENATOR ROBINSON: What was...? You've...what was your decision?

PRESIDENT MOUL: I have not made a decision. I am asking for your response to Senator Warner's point.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Whether I think it's germane or not? Yes, I think it's germane. I'd like Senator Warner's reasoning on why it's not germane.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Do you have anything further on your opinion on the germaneness? If not, I'll go ahead and rule. I am going to rule that it is germane and we can proceed with debate. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, since I don't know what I'm talking on anymore, I won't talk right now.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rasmussen. We're dealing with the Robinson amendment to the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Senator Lynch, do you wish to address this?

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President, members, what I have to say probably would apply to either one in particular to the issue, but I'd like to bring up a little past history. Last year, even the year before that, as you all know the teachers had a \$20 million commitment from the state in their HELP program. Last year we had budget problems. The teachers voluntarily agreed to help all of us with that budget problem. They took a \$5 million hit. They went from \$20 million to \$15 million and I hope you don't forget that anybody. They voluntarily were willing to do that to help us all out. That wasn't easy, and name me one other agency, one other industry, one other group of folks with a tax incentive with an exemption, name me one other agency of any kind that was willing to do that or group of folks in the state. It was a magnanimous gesture on their part. Then beyond that, after they gave up that \$5 million to help us, we still were in trouble, so the Governor vetoed out \$7 million more with the commitment that we would get it back from LB...probably get it back from LB 1059. Well as a result of LB 1059 we found ourselves with a windfall, w-i-n-d-f-a-l-l, right into the laps of construction of roads or highways or whatever. Money that they never intended to have, didn't expect ever to have, had no way to spend and have until January 1 of 1993 to even think about how to spend it. So it seems to me