

for the highway patrols. Twenty six other states recognize that the dedicated tax should be used for full road responsibilities, that includes the highway patrol. I think this happens to be a very sound policy change. I think it is an appropriate policy change and I think it is one we should support. But then when I tie this policy change to what the Appropriations Committee and what the Legislature on the first reading wants us to do with this bill, which is to take the \$3.75 that heretofore had been earmarked for the safety sticker and to require the citizens of this state to continue to pay for the safety sticker when there is no safety sticker program, I say very simply, that that is wrong. You know sometimes we lose democratic government because we just plain don't govern with any degree of finesse and skill. I am convinced in my own heart that we do a real disservice to our people when we take a program that everyone knows is going out of existence. There is not a citizen in this state that does not know that the safety inspection program is going out of existence. We discontinued the program but we deliberately will . . .

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: . . . willfully, conscientiously continue the cost and the assessment. I would much rather if push comes to shove have an increase in the income tax rate so we can fund the \$4,875,000 involved in this issue, than I would to require the people to continue to pay for a safety sticker when they know there is no safety sticker program. I think we really do a disservice to ourselves as a deliberative body and to the people in continuing to promote a cost when the program itself is gone. Now because I so wholeheartedly support the Fenger amendment I think it is also necessary to support the Landis amendment to assure the continued availability of funds to the State Highway Patrol and his amendment represents sound policy adhered to by 26 other states.

SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce twenty fourth graders from Lincoln Christian School. Their teacher is Betty Peterson. They are in the north balcony. Would you stand and be recognized please. Welcome to the Unicameral. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the body I rise to support the Landis-Fenger amendment. The state knows by now that we do have fiscal problems. They also know as Senator Johnson indicated that the safety sticker and the motor vehicle inspection law is going to be repealed, probably.