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charge you a couple dollars so you can get new plates in 1983 so that there will be dollars there to buy the material. On the other hand it seems to me the way we are operating in this state right now we could always have an interfund transfer from the monies that are in the road fund since we are not issuing bids right now anyhow and we should have some funds available perhaps to order some material. It is kind of like the chicken and the egg, I don't know how you are going to get new plates and have people pay for them when they get the new plates if you aren't ever going to have the money to start with to get the material to build the plates at the outset. I am not sure how we will ever get new plates. Maybe I better go back home and straighten that old plate out that I had down here because it looks to me like it is going to have to last for another twenty years perhaps. It will probably last longer than the old pickup has. It seems to me that as I said earlier I don't particularly care about the material the plates are made out of if we just would get a plate now and then, and I believe the citizens would be willing to have a cash fee of a dollar a plate to get a new plate. I recognize that Senator Warner indicated that there are some problems with getting the dollars to get the materials to start with, but I think we could overcome that. I think there is ways that that could be done, maybe the increase in sales tax and perhaps the increase in income tax that we are going to be coming up with might perhaps bring up a buck or two. I suggest that this body adopt this amendment and that we give the public the opportunity to pay for the plates which I think would be good public policy from now on anyhow and we'd always have to come up with the money ahead of time, no question about that, but at least the state would get reimbursed. I believe that would be important. So I urge the body's adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment. All those in favor signify by voting aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR NICHOL: The motion lost. Mr. Clerk, do you have something there?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Koch would move to suspend Rule 7, Section 3(d) and Rule 1, Section 12 so as to permit consideration of the Koch amendment to LB 759 without further debate on the germaneness issue.

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