

Chambers' discussion I have to ask Senator Warner again to make sure....I'll wait until they're finished.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Question of Senator Warner, Senator Lynch?

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes. Senator Warner, now you when you answered my question before you mentioned that there would be an addition, an additional amount of money attached to the 1 cent recommended by Senator Schmit, rather than, I assume, taking the share of sales tax now which automatically goes from any sales tax increase to the Highway Trust Fund. Is that right or wrong?

SENATOR WARNER: I'm not sure I followed you, Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Well, just a minute please. This is...that's what...It's an interesting and confusing little concept we have here in this state because, in fact, we do treat like things differently. I'd like to give Senator Hall a minute or two of my time. The way it looks now is we raise a cent sales tax, we raise about \$100 million, or 104, but of that 14 million, or an additional 14 million is automatically raised and automatically put into the Highway Trust Fund. Is that right or wrong, and you just want to make that clear? We want to make sure. That's what...

SENATOR HALL: Senator Lynch, the question is it's automatically raised as long as you adopt Senator Warner's amendment, otherwise if you don't designate it, or you don't change that 4 to 5, as he's doing, the monies that would traditionally, from the sales or automobiles and trailers and tractors that goes into the trust fund is designated for that, if you don't add that or increase the sales tax as well, because remember a couple of years ago when we increased a half cent sales tax we did not allow for this amendment to be adopted at that time. So it did not get dumped into the trust fund, it went into the General Fund. Senator Warner's amendment allows for that money to go into the trust fund from the sales of automobiles and whatever. So all he does is say you're going to increase the tax, the tax that currently is earmarked or designated for the trust fund from the sales of those motor vehicles and other trailer, tractor things will go into the trust fund as the balance of that sales tax that is collected off them currently does.

SENATOR LYNCH: What it does also identify is how we treat, in