

untouched. That would be distributed with the Highway Fund getting, you know, filching the amount that they have been filching all these years and will continue to filch. But on this new 1 percent, they would not get any of that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Okay, thank you. I just simply say that I...thank you, I want to thank Senator Chambers for opposing...or for explaining the amendment to...and I'm opposed to the amendment. I think simply, I guess, the area that I represent, Senator Withem, in Sarpy County we have a great need for more money into the Highway Trust Fund and so I simply rise to oppose this and I may offer an amendment to simply leave it for the trucks and vehicles and so forth at 4 percent rather than at 5 percent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Warner, please, followed by Senator Hefner.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise with some mixed emotions because I thought...I haven't really made up my mind on LB 89 and, obviously, one waits until you see how it is in the amended form and I'm...I mean, obviously, if this amendment goes on, it would help clarify my thinking on LB 89 and perhaps others. I'm even incurring some other curiosities in my mind as well. But what I would...I just like, in a sense, getting highway into this issue, but, obviously, it is and it's not inappropriate to talk about the broad funding requirements for all aspects of state government in anything because there always is a relationship. What I do want to point out that the issue, and I don't know what the Revenue Committee has done, but there was legislation introduced and which I introduced which did, in fact, increase only the sales tax on motor vehicle semis and semi-trailers to go to the Highway Trust Fund and to dispel this use of the word that this is a windfall in the event that there is any increase in the sales tax. And the issue that I laid before the Appropri...the Revenue Committee was first establishing the need based upon the study and the balance that you need from various sources of revenue to a Highway Fund and not total reliance on motor fuel tax because there is a need to have a reasonable relationship of the rate that Nebraska has compared to adjacent states. But, more specifically, it was to create the understanding...

PRESIDENT: Excuse me, Senator Warner. (Gavel.) Could we have