

awful lot of noise with all of the talking going on, so if you would please, in respect to your speakers, hold it down if you would, please. Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose this amendment. I feel that if we increase the sales tax, that portion of the sales tax on vehicles should go to the Highway Trust Fund. And when it goes to the Highway Trust Fund some of that money goes back to the counties and some of it goes back to the cities and villages and 53 1/3 percent goes to the state. I realize that this would be an additional...this would be additional money to these other two funds but I feel that we really need this money to keep up our highways, to keep up our bridges, not only on the state level but also on the county level and on the city and village level. It seems like, as we accelerate our...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Please, ladies and gentlemen, let's hold it down, it's very noisy, especially under the north balcony. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Like I was saying that it seems like we can always use more money in our Highway Trust Fund because road construction is expensive; replacing those bridges and culverts are expensive. And so, at this time, I would just urge that you would defeat this amendment. Remember, it was just the other day that we got the Warner amendment on here that says that this portion, the sales tax on vehicles, would go into the Highway Trust Fund. And so I would urge you to defeat this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. May I introduce some guests of Senator Scofield. We have guests from way out west, Hemingford, Nebraska. We have fifth, seventh and eighth grade students and their instructor. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. Senator Hall, please, followed by Senator Schmit and Senator Chambers. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment. Senator Warner did state the issue is currently before the Revenue Committee. We have just held the hearing last week and have yet to meet on that topic. We will this afternoon in Exec Session. I'm sure that Senator Warner's bill will be one that we discuss at that