

time. And I think the merits of whether or not the Highway Trust Fund needs additional funding should be merits that are judged on their own and not through an amendment to an amendment as we have adopted it so far. I think that that deserves full and fair debate on its own. It should at least have the ability, I would hope, for the Revenue Committee to decide what their feeling is based on the information that Senator Warner presented to us, the report that he talked about and the needs that he feels are out there in relation to an upgraded highway program. So, with that, I would support Senator Chambers' amendment to strip the Warner amendment from LB...or from the Schmit amendment and would urge the body to vote that way because, as of yet, the Revenue Committee has not had an opportunity to meet on this issue and determine whether or not the funding is appropriate. We are going to do that this afternoon in Executive Session and even if we should advance the bill to the floor, I think that that bill is one that should be debated on its own and not as part of a teachers' salary bill. It's interesting how we stretch the germaneness issue at times. But I would urge the body to reject the...or to support Senator Chambers' motion and reject the Warner amendment in that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, you are next, but (gavel), please, let's hold it down so we can hear the speakers. It's getting awfully noisy.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I will be very brief. I would have to oppose Senator Chambers' amendment because of the fact that I also had a bill before the Appropriations Committee which would have transferred some money from the General Fund to the Highway Cash Fund. This will not totally relieve that need but it will relieve a part of it and, as Senator Warner has said, there was a bill introduced by himself which would have done this and so this merely encompasses in one amendment that which would have been in a bill separately introduced. So I would oppose Senator Chambers' amendment at this time.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm going to say again what this amendment does. It deals only with the 1 percent increase that Senator Schmit's amendment is talking about. The last time we debated the bill, Senator Warner added an amendment so that this 1 percent would be