

the teacher...from the sales tax. And then, number three, it also provided for a small increase in the Highway Trust Fund.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right, now if the present distribution formula, with the Warner amendment attached, is supported by the Legislature and that money is diverted to the Highway Trust Fund, would that mean that the amount diverted to the Trust Fund would leave less for property tax relief?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It will be...it will mean that there will be a specified amount of property tax relief which I originally intended to go for property tax relief but it will also partially take care of the problem that I tried to address by transferring money from the General Fund to the Highway Cash Fund.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Uh-hmm, but let me ask you the question again and see if you will answer it. The more that's diverted to the Highway Trust Fund, the less is available for property tax relief. Would you agree?

SENATOR SCHMIT: It is not my intention to change the present distribution formula of the sales tax...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schmit, please, I only have a minute. The more that goes to the Highway Trust Fund, the less is available for property tax relief. Would you agree?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, I don't agree, Senator, because it's...we are sticking with the traditional formula that we have always adhered to and I want to adhere to that same formula.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How much will go to the Highway Trust Fund under the present system?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Seven and a half million dollars, I believe, Senator Warner indicated would go to the Highway Cash Fund; \$3.5 million would go to the cities; and \$3.5 million would go to counties.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, let's...okay, thank you, Senator Schmit. Members of the Legislature, I'm going to answer a question that Senator Schmit couldn't bring himself to answer.