

sent a lot of money back to the public in the form of LB 84 last year that it was eaten up by increases in levies at the local level. If we're going to have credibility that this is actually going to begin to address the property tax problem, we have to also face the political reality that the people out there will expect that we impose some restriction, some credibility to that particular answer. Perhaps we should extend the lid beyond the three years. I think during the next couple of sessions when we see how things are going, if we have not already been imposed with a 2 percent lid, then we could address that and perhaps put it on even longer. I'd urge this amendment to be adopted. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Hefner amendment to LB 1059. Those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 38 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hefner's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to amend the bill. The amendment is on page 717 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Pat, is this 2615? 2615?

CLERK: No, I have 2454 in front of me, 2615 is the next one.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes, okay. Mr. President, members of the body, we're raising the sales tax 1 percent to support schools. Unfortunately, when you raise the sales tax, the sales tax on motor vehicles are also raised and the tax from the increase on the motor vehicles goes into the Highway Trust Fund. Now I can stand up here and support an increase in the sales tax to support the schools, but I really can't understand why we should also take a 1 percent sales tax increase and put it in the Highway Trust Fund. That has nothing to do with schools. So the amendment says, except the rate of sales tax on motor vehicles, trailers, and semi-trailers shall be 4 percent. The amendment leaves the sales tax on motor vehicles at 4 percent instead of raising it to 5 percent. We're telling the citizens we're going to unload on you a sales tax increase, an income tax