

So there is going to be people all over the state that aren't happy with some aspect or other of this bill and that is what I call a pretty good compromise. How long has this been debated? How long has this been debated in this state, this issue? Let's shift, start to shift away from property taxes, start supporting more with sales and income. Some people will win, some will lose, but the winners will be the students, the students all across the state, the students in the far corners of the state that deserve just as good an income, or education as the students in the rich districts. I strongly support 1059. It's pretty easy in my district to really because most of my school districts come out good. But sometimes we have to put away our concerns because there are people that won't be happy with it in my district and we have to look at the overriding question, and that is the fair and equitable education of our students in this state and I think 1059, although not perfect by any means, is an excellent start down the path of shifting the tax burden on education. And with that, Mr. Speaker, I would withdraw that amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk. Returning to a discussion on the Haberman amendment, Senator Labedz, would you care to discuss the Haberman amendment? Thank you. Senator Pirsch, would you care to discuss the Haberman amendment?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I'll just say a brief word. I had chatted with Senator Haberman, I was going to ask him some questions and I may do it anyway. Senator Haberman, what you are saying is that this extra one-cent sales tax is not going to be diverted to education and it's not going to be put into the General Fund because the tax on motor vehicles does not go to the General Fund. Is that correct?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Correct. The tax will not even be collected, the 1 percent.

SENATOR PIRSCH: So you just simply say that we will not charge that extra penny on motor vehicles.

SENATOR HABERMAN: That is correct.

SENATOR PIRSCH: I guess I wish your amendment said that it would go into the pot to replace that education funding, but now that I understand, I don't know...I don't know whether to