

support your amendment or not. It truly is an increase of 15 million that you said that will go to the Highway Fund, no?

SENATOR HABERMAN: If you adopt the amendment it won't be charged.

SENATOR PIRSCH: It won't be charged, but at present though if 1059 passes, that 15 million per year will be diverted to the Highway Fund and not to education and not to our General Fund to replace that property tax, but simply an extra 15 million to go into the coffers of the highway department, is that correct, per year?

SENATOR HABERMAN: That is correct.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. Well, I understand Senator Haberman's amendment much better now and maybe we all do, and I think maybe I will support it. I hear taxpayers all the time talking about Nebraska being the highest in property tax, highest in gasoline taxes and the highest in car taxes and that's a complaint I hear time after time and I can't tell them why we are at the top, so I think I will support Senator Haberman's amendment

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I rise in opposition to Senator Haberman's amendment. That is something new and different for me. Senator Warner is home in a sick bed and I just want to say to you, Senator Warner, Jerry, this one's for you. Senator Warner, traditionally since the time that this body raised the sales tax one-half percent and chose to delete those funds from the Highway Trust Fund, has brought in each year a bill to the Revenue Committee that says that if there should be an increase in the sales tax for whatever reason, that increase in the sales tax from the sale of automobiles should go into the Highway Trust Fund. I have, at different times, tried to attack the Highway Trust Fund to basically not steal monies away, but try to get the Highway Trust Fund to pay for what I consider cost of engaging police, basically the state patrol on the highways. I, at different times, offered amendments to basically have the highway division of the state patrol to be paid for out of the trust fund. Senator Warner then proceeded to take and lump all three programs into one and got it passed and thumbed his nose at me and said, well, you can still dig it