

Trust Fund because the need for money is so great there. But anyway, Senator Haberman, I really don't see why you're doing this just to motor vehicles. I think if we're going to raise the sales tax, we should raise it for everyone, raise the sales tax on every commodity that there is a sales tax on and it would only be fair to have the 5 percent on the motor vehicles too. And I realize when you buy a red Cadillac, the sales tax on that is quite a little. That's right. And so I can see why you've introduced this amendment, but I certainly wish you would withdraw this amendment like you did your first amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Further discussion on the amendment, Senator Haberman, you're up next.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Hefner, you said why is Senator Haberman doing this? I'll tell you why, Senator Hefner. I don't want to be greedy. I'm not going to be greedy. My district and the districts in western Nebraska need roads more than any place in eastern Nebraska, but the goal is to raise the sales tax to finance schools and we're going to tell the public out there, we're raising the sales tax to finance schools, so raising the sales tax on motor vehicles, you tell me what that's got to do with schools? Nothing. Let's be fair once with the taxpayers. Just once, Senator Hefner, let's be fair. Highways don't have anything to do with financing schools. So the only thing I'm saying, let's say to the public, we're going to raise the sales tax 5 percent, but not on motor vehicles. A motor vehicle changes hands two or three or four times. They pay the sales tax every time. So the only thing I'm trying to do is say, I'm not going to be greedy, I'll live with the millions and millions of dollars that the highway department now has, I'll live with that, my turn will come, but I don't want to sock the taxpayer another 1 percent to buy an automobile. I ask you to support the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, would you care to discuss the amendment?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit made reference to LB 773 which was enacted in 1987. I was one of the strongest voices saying it was going to be a tax increase and that's what made me make this little decal that says to those who said it was not a tax increase, "Liar, liar, pants on fire." That's exactly what it