

vote from the other day and retain the 4 percent tax on the sales of motor vehicles. And the way we have drafted the amendment, in case Senator Nelson is interested, we looked in the statute, Senator Nelson, and we did take the language which is used there to describe motor vehicles, so that we include all of that classification of those that are taxed, with the money going to the Highway Trust Fund. It's that simple. And I don't...I, you know, I hope there will be some people that might want to discuss this, but I just feel very strongly that he was correct in what he was saying to us the other day, that this is an education bill and this is one little break that we can give to everyone in the State of Nebraska if we retain the 4 percent tax on motor vehicles. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, please, followed by Senator Chambers and Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to commend Senator Smith for bringing this issue up one more time, as if you examine the issue on the basis of what LB 1059 is all about, the increase in the tax on motor vehicles doesn't fit. Now I will again repeat that there isn't anyone here who needs highway funds more than I do. However, I would like to be fair to the citizens of the State of Nebraska and if we're going to raise the sales tax for school financing, then let's raise the sales tax for school financing. Now I know that Senator Warner is very, very supportive of the Highway Trust Fund and I commend him for that. However, Senator Warner is a statesman, he has always been fair. He has always been honest and I'm sure that if he looks within his heart, he will see that in this case, that in this particular instance this sales tax should not be raised on motor vehicles on a school bill. Now we have an Attorney General's Opinion that says this can be taken out of the bill and be constitutional. Now we have heard people stand up here and say that we have to raise unemployment fees, we should lower the income tax, we should help the needy, we should help those that are hurting for funds and all of those folks and the majority of those folks need automobiles to go to and from work, to go to and from the doctor's office, to go to and from school. Many of them and many people in the State of Nebraska have two automobiles. The automobile business in the State of Nebraska is one of the biggest there is. There was an article in the paper yesterday about Ford finally outselling Chevy. Every time we purchase a vehicle we have to pay the sales tax, so this 1 percent sales tax that Senator Smith is