

intending to take out of the bill will not hurt the financing of 1059 because the money is not going into 1059. We have a wonderful highway program going on at the present time. We have given multimillion dollars in the past few years to the highway program and it's going on full blast. So I firmly believe...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...that the figures that this boils down to, which I think is 15 million the first year, and 18 million the second year, the highway fund could, in fact, survive. We could build the highways we have planned by removing this 1 percent sales tax on motor vehicles. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question or two if he will answer.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, would you respond, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Warner, most of these questions are simply for the record. Is the money that is to be generated by the increase in income tax and sales tax designed to finance LB 1059? Is that the purpose of the money that will be raised through the shifting or raising of taxes required in 1059?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, sure, to answer your question precisely and exactly, Senator Chambers, the way the bill is written that portion of the sales and income tax that goes to the General Fund is for LB 1059, that portion of sales tax that would go to the Highway Trust Fund, the cities and the counties and the state, by other law automatically goes to the Highway Trust Fund.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now when LB 1059 was envisioned and worked up by the different groups that got together, was it their intention when they were raising the sales tax to put money into the Highway Trust Fund? Was that discussed by the people who were putting this bill together?

SENATOR WARNER: That I cannot answer other than I know that all of the data that I saw that was published only retained that portion of the income...or the sales tax that generally...that