

currently goes into the General Fund.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would this give the Highway Trust Fund a bonanza or a windfall? That's the word that is less negative perhaps.

SENATOR WARNER: Now the answer to that question is no and when I get my turn I will, on the light, I will go into that in more depth.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, thank you. Members of the Legislature, I disagree with Senator Warner. I believe that this does give a windfall to the Highway Trust Fund. And if Senator...I don't see Senator Withem here, otherwise I would have asked him one or two of the questions that I put to Senator Warner. Oh, here's Senator Baack. Senator Baack, you're one of the architects or one of the godfathers of this proposal, correct?

SENATOR BAACK: No, I was not in on the...

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: ...drafting of the bill and I was not a part of the Finance Review Commission that did the drafting, so I cannot answer that question either. I wish I could, but I can't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I see Senator Moore is gone. Who...who else is a co-sponsor on the bill? Is there...oh, Senator Lamb, you were not a co-sponsor. Oh, thank you. Oh, here comes Senator Withem, and I hope my time doesn't run out. Senator Withem, did you all envision the Highway Trust Fund getting a portion of the money that was being generated by the increase in sales tax under this bill?

SENATOR WITHEM: I knew it would happen. It was not discussed in great detail.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has this bill been represented to those who may have heard anything said by the committee or the individuals who supported it that part of the money generated under this bill is to go to the Highway Trust Fund...

SENATOR WITHEM: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...or has all the discussion been in terms of