

benefiting education and equalizing (interruption).

SENATOR WITHEM: The latter is a more accurate representation than the former, yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And, members of the Legislature, this bill, if we don't accept Senator Smith's amendment, is indeed flying a false flag. This is the jolly Roger. It's a sporadical. It is a bill to benefit the buccaneers. And I don't have the respect for the Highway Trust Fund that Senator Warner has. I haven't committed my legislative career to road building and protecting the interests that build the roads. I'm more concerned about the human beings who might have to make use of those roads, the education that they would receive if that's, in fact, what this bill is for. Those are different issues, but the one before us now is how the money is to be spent under this bill. Since 1 percent of the sales tax...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...would also attach an increase to automobiles and that money is going to the Roads Department, there is no way in the world that 1059 and its supporters can keep faith with the public based on the representations they have made if that money goes into the Highway Trust Fund. I support Senator Smith's amendment. I applaud Senator Haberman for having brought it originally. It shows that everybody can be right, on occasion. There is no such thing as infallibility of an affirmative kind or a negative kind. Senator Haberman's bringing this amendment proves part of that. But, in all seriousness, it would be a mistake, I think, to give the Highway Trust Fund a windfall through this bill. It can be crafted to minimize some of the injustice and inequity that currently inheres in the bill. So I support Senator Smith's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Nelson and Senator Smith.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I'm going to oppose the amendment by my good friend, Senator Smith, as resurrected from Senator Haberman's amendment. In fact, you know, I'm a little bit surprised by Senator Chambers because the sales tax on motor vehicles is one of the few progressive taxes we do have in this state. Now the used automobile that I buy every five years doesn't pay much sales tax, but some of my colleagues who