

other one said, if you find a sucker, bump his head. That's what this bill is.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Haberman, followed by Senator Lowell Johnson and Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to call to your attention that if LB 1059 would have never been introduced, there would be no additional money put into the Highway Trust Fund because this body would not raise the sales tax one cent to put money into the Highway Trust Fund. So think about that. This is just the fallout from 1059. Senator Schmit, evidently your farmers are satisfied with their real estate property tax. They must be satisfied, because you're standing there saying they don't mind paying an extra percent to buy a new pickup. Why, they're happy. Why, they're happy to pay this extra sales tax. The same way with Senator Hefner. He is saying his farmers are happy when they go buy a new pickup to pay this extra 1 percent sales tax. They're tickled to death to do this. They sure are, and their property taxes aren't too high. Senator Nelson, the same thing. You're saying, why you're farmers' property taxes are all right. It's okay if we raise the sales tax 1 percent on the pickups, but we're going to try to lower the personal property tax. That's the issue of the bill but it's turned right around and going to raise the sales tax on the farmer's pickup. Now, Senator Hefner, if these roads that these buses are going on are so dangerous, I would suggest you go to the school board, Senator Hefner, and go to the county board and insist that they fix these bus routes if they're that dangerous. I would like to ask you to do that. My office had a phone call and I'm supposed to ask this body, what about the gentleman that buys a new fleet of taxis? He doesn't use the highway. He doesn't use the interstate, but we're going to stick him with the 1 percent increase in the vehicles. So I ask this body to take it out, don't sock the taxpayers with the 1 percent on their vehicles. And if this fails, let's introduce another amendment to put the money into the school aid bill instead of the highway fund. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, speeder, toe-crusher Chambers, are you listening? Are you listening?