

Smith amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please. A record vote has been requested, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1534 of the Legislative Journal.) 11 ayes, 13 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment fails. Do we have anything else on the bill?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Chambers would move to reconsider the vote on the Smith amendment.

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this one moved by so fast that there was no opportunity to discuss it and I was heading toward my button in full flight when Senator Smith was called on to close, so there was nothing that could be done at that point, and rather than say that there had not been an opportunity to debate it and go through a challenge of the Chair and all that, I decided to do it in this fashion. I'd like to ask Senator Smith a question if she will answer it, maybe one or two questions.

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, I'd be happy to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Smith, if I understand your amendment, I'll take it as far as I'm sure of and then you can take me the rest of the distance, then I'll continue. This amendment that you're offering would say that the 1 percent additional sales tax on automobiles, instead of going into the Highway Trust Fund would go to the General Fund and then what would happen?

SENATOR SMITH: With the intent that the proceeds are to be for education, that it goes toward the funding for this bill in the first year. We're talking about that deficit we have.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR SMITH: This is an opportunity for that 17 million that the Governor's people have said would be in this amendment originally.