

participating, were talking about various means to make up some kind of shortfall.

SENATOR MOORE: Mmm, hmm.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wouldn't this money help do that?

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Smith's amendment? Yes, it would help. I cannot deny that it would help that situation.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Scott Moore is a very intelligent, logical individual. You can tell that from the way he answered the questions even when he was trying to be evasive. The man is struggling with his conscience. He is struggling for his political soul this morning, and, Senator Scott Moore, this is a means whereby we can convert at least an aspect of this bill into one of honesty. It not only takes the money that is being raised and applies it where this bill says it should go, it prevents an agency not entitled to it from having a windfall, and by windfall I mean something that it did not anticipate or expect to have any reason to expect. Never when this bill was crafted or being crafted did anybody say part of the purpose was to raise money for the Highway Trust Fund. I think Senator Smith's amendment is imminently fair in terms of what is to be done with the money since you're insistent on putting that extra 1 percent sales tax on the automobiles.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: That is why I made the reconsideration motion. It is why I'm going to support her amendment. Senator Moore could not give a reasonable or rational reason for opposing the bill. Maybe, as a supporter, he is locked in where he's got to do that. He's got to violate his conscience. He's got to pretend to... Senator Moore, what you're dealing with, if it's ignorance, is vincible ignorance. It can be corrected, it can be overcome, it can be rectified. If it were invincible ignorance, we'd have something different, but that's not what we're dealing with here today. And I hope those others who have listened at all to the discussion will understand what the amendment is designed to do and will support it.