

Is that why they oppose it? Is it that they are not interested in property tax relief and that's why they oppose it? If they are interested in aid to the schools, they've got to support it, if they're being honest. Who in here loves the Highway Trust Fund so much that you would misrepresent the position of the bill to the public, that you would take money intended for that purpose and shunt it to the Highway Trust Fund, then go out there and say that you were for aid to the schools and property tax relief? Some have said that if you phase this whole thing in over too great a period of time, the public will not be as aware of the reduction in property taxes because they don't feel that there's a large enough drop. This will assist in the amount of property tax relief they get, if that's the truth that moves this bill. But I'm beginning to believe there is a different motivating engine that provides the power that keeps this monstrosity clanking along toward final passage.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If the true goal is to aid the schools, then that should be done. Was the talk about property tax relief one of the bones thrown to the unsuspecting public by the education industry, and that's what they are? Tricking people into thinking they get property tax relief so the schools and the administration can get what they really want from the Legislature, and when we have a proposal that will put more money there even for that nefarious purpose, then it's going to be defeated by those who support this bill? I've got to watch and, Mr. Chairman, in order that we can all go on record on this, I'm going to...because there's not many here anyway, I'm going to ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question is, shall the house go under call? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 20 ayes, 2 nays to go under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The house is under call. Members, please record your presence. Those outside the Legislative Chamber, please return. The house is under call. Senators Lamb, Coordsen, Ashford, Lynch, Rod Johnson, Withem, Hartnett, Conway, Hall, McFarland, the house is under call. Senators McFarland and Rod Johnson, the house is under call. Senator Chambers, both of them are on their way. May we proceed with the roll call? Senators McFarland and Johnson, Rod Johnson. Proceed?