

How can a bill be considered good when it causes so many to acknowledge themselves that they have to violate their conscience to vote against proposals that would make it fair and just? How can a bill, itself, be fair and just when so many unfair, unjust votes have to be cast, and so many ends be achieved which are unfair and unjust? Whenever you have a proposal such as that being considered by a legislative body, it is clear that it is a political action, pure and simple. If it were something other than that, Senator Moore would have voted differently than he voted on the amendment we had this morning designed to divert that money that would come from this 1 percent increase onto automobiles to the purposes of this bill, but he couldn't vote to put that money where it would help overcome a shortfall that he, himself, has complained about. And now I don't see Sister Labeledz here, but if she is within the sound of my voice,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I hope she will return to the Chamber and help us come one step closer to doing that which is right by casting an affirmative vote for this reconsideration motion. I think that we are as justified in trying to get that money diverted from the Highway Trust Fund to the purposes of the bill, if it must be raised at all, or to make sure that that extra tax is not added, as those are who support raising this money and diverting it to the Highway Trust Fund under false pretenses. Mr. Chairman, if I am out of time, then I will sit down.

PRESIDENT: You have 15 seconds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, that is about long enough to sit down and turn on my light.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, Gary Hannibal asked if I would try to reduce him to tears as the silver-tongued warrior over there is able to do. I don't think I am able to do that, Gary. You have such a hard heart. I have been watching your vote. You never vote with me, never do you vote with me. He is not going to start now, but, you know, Ernie, you have been helping me all this time. It is a lost cause, I shouldn't say this publicly, but I can tell you that we