

be a reduction in the automobile sales tax that goes into the Highway Trust Fund, however, I would ask of you whether it is fair that we collect a lot more sales tax on the same transaction, the same vehicles under one set of circumstances as the other. Excuse me. I contend that it isn't. This provides a, basically, 60-day window of opportunity to sell your vehicle as an occasional sale privately, either get credit or a refund for the amount of sales tax that the purchaser will be paying. So you would have essentially the same sales tax collected on the same transaction, whether it was done in a trade-in or a private sale. I would encourage your adoption of this amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Discussion, Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. Reluctantly, I rise to oppose Senator Coordsen's amendment. I agree with it in concept. As a matter of fact, I introduced a bill that was not along the same lines necessarily, but reduced the sales tax on automobiles to the Revenue Committee this year. I forget what happened to that bill, but it didn't get out here on the floor. It...yes, I know it's my committee. But the proposal here is one that did not have a public hearing, is I think a worthy option to take a look at. I really would entertain and probably would very likely cosponsor a piece of legislation like this with Senator Coordsen. Yesterday, I remember we had discussion of having some bills receive a public hearing. If I remember right, Senator Coordsen spoke in favor of that. This issue deals with, I guess, not charging people more money but, frankly, it will probably be a win situation for those folks and I don't necessarily disagree with that. I, again, think the idea is a good one. We shouldn't be treating one type of transaction because it happens to operate within the structure of a franchise or an automobile dealership differently than that which takes place between two individual owners of automobiles. So I don't disagree with the concept, the proposal that he is trying to bring forth, because I would support it if it was out here on the floor. The fact of the matter is, is the amendment to 727, it's the procedural method by which he brings it to the body because it hasn't had discussion. It would have some impact. What fiscal impact, we don't know, and that's another problem with the issue. I don't know what the effect would be to the Highway Trust Fund, but at this point in time I cannot support the amendment as an amendment to 727, although in