

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I'll wait just a minute.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay. We'll proceed with a roll call vote on the motion to overrule the Chair.

CLERK: (Roll call vote taken. See page 1474 of the Legislative Journal.) 24 ayes, 18 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion is approved and the Chair is overruled. I will raise the call. Mr. Speaker, since it is afternoon, do you wish to continue on with this?

SPEAKER BAACK: Yes, let's go ahead and continue with this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We'll continue then with debate on the Bernard-Stevens amendment. Senator Crosby, followed by Senators Warner and Moore.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President, the only reason I turned my light on is so that I could state my position as to why I am supporting the teachers in this particular effort. Way back when 1123 was introduced, I worked with a teachers team in District 29. One teaches special students, not handicapped, students who need special help because of different kinds of reasons. That's...she's a high school teacher, one is a math teacher at Goodrich. She is working for her Ph.D. in math. One teaches at Park-Everett in Lincoln and many of you have heard me speak about Park-Everett before. It's a very diverse student population, different kinds of ethnic backgrounds and refugees, families and that kind of thing going with our long-time Lincoln residents. The other one is at Sheridan Elementary. These teachers are very supportive of LB 89 and it's successive bills and they are not the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries are those school districts that need to enhance teacher's salaries to bring those salaries up to reasonable levels in districts that don't have the money to do that. LB 1059, which incidentally, I voted against, raised the sales and income tax to provide special money to school districts to help them continue operations. Incidental to 1059 was the overriding statute that governs the Highway Trust money that the sales tax on motor vehicles goes into the Highway Trust Fund. If 1059 had not passed, the Highway Trust Fund wouldn't have gotten that money. So it's...and I know that the people, the contractors and so on