

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, Senator...

SENATOR WARNER: If you are putting 1 percent of the sales tax into the fund, that goes in monthly as it is collected, I heard what you said, but it didn't tell me anything I guess is what I am saying.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Do you want me to take the rest of your time or punch my light and take more of mine?

SENATOR WARNER: You can use part of my time, as I will probably put my light on again.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Warner, I thank you for the question. I will go ahead and take more time on the explanation. Basically, what we had with LB 1123 was there is a \$15 million level that the Legislature agreed to in 1991 that was going to be put in a performance based. What we weren't sure was how much money would be collected in the Highway Trust Fund, if the amendment would be agreed to, as far as the principal amendment, how much money would be there by January of '93. If there was going to be \$15 million, then we needed to put an A bill, and we needed to put people and personnel and gear up for the performance-based portion of LB 91 that was agreed to last year. We did not know. We guesstimated that we would be somewhat short or possibly right at the 15, maybe \$15.2 million. It was questionable whether it was wise to go ahead and hire people within the Department of Education to gear up for the performance-based portion, to gear up for distributing monies on a performance-based that may be nonexistent and/or very minuscule. So when we went through, we went through the process of how it would flow easier. The amendment would do the following, at this point, if nothing is done, the teachers will have \$7 million of General Fund money that is going to the HELP program. If we...this amendment would say that we begin collection of the...would begin collection of the Highway Trust Fund's money starting when the bill became effective and that was estimated to be July of 1992. In September of 1992, we would have, basically, the 7 million from General Funds, and that would be then distributed at that point. That is all the teachers would get for the year 1992 is the 7 million, all that is left from what the Governor vetoed out. Then when we get to January 1 of 1993, we begin the collections of the entire Motor Vehicles Tax Fund. We add that to the \$7 million that is now currently in the base on the green sheet