

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...was nothing for it to stick to. But in the instance I am trying to make a point from, we don't ever hear teachers extolled for doing a worthwhile job unless there is some artificial period, like Education Month, Be Nice to Teacher Week, or something like that. But if there is a genuine desire to make education a highly respected and sought after profession, you have to reward people in accord with what you want them to believe the status of their profession is. Maybe there ought not be a correlation between a profession and what you are compensated for being a part of it, but in America that is what happens. And in this instance, I think we are just trying to bring some honesty back into the legislative process by having money which was raised under one flag actually spent for the purpose that the public was led to believe the money was...

SPEAKER BAACK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...being raised for, or, excuse me, for which the money was being raised. Talking about education, I should at least put my propositions in the proper place, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: I was going to correct that if you didn't. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens, you are next. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, having had an opportunity to review the amendment, now I do not see a problem with it, if I am understanding it correctly. I would like to take the opportunity, though, since we deviate from time to time in this discussion today in talking about 1059. If I remember correctly, from the day it was introduced as a green copy, the increase in sales tax on motor vehicles went where they had traditionally gone. I have here copies of the Journal of 1990, and there was at least four or five attempts to either reduce the sales tax on motor vehicles from 5 to 4 percent or to divert the money from the additional 1 percent to 1059. They all failed. It was discussed time and time again, reconsidered a couple of times. So there was a great deal of discussion. In addition, I had introduced bills twice before just to increase the motor vehicle sales tax alone unrelated to anything other than the need for additional funds to fund the highway program that this Legislature authorized