

another transportation system. We are going from the Highway Trust Fund to the Light-Density Assistance Fund, \$5 million, one time only. And you heard the arguments that Senator Wickersham had yesterday in regard to his amendment to appropriate that \$5 million. Also my arguments, which I will repeat, that this is a good business deal in that this money will be secured by the steel in those tracks. There is \$7.9 million worth of steel in those tracks, that is net salvage value, and so we are not risking a thing. We are not risking a thing. What we are doing is giving the people in that area of the state an opportunity to make their railroad financially viable. We are not risking a thing on the part of the state. The state is getting security, security. A logical amendment, I ask that it be adopted.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. I will now recognize senators wishing to address this amendment, Senator Hefner. Senator Kristensen. Senator Warner. Senator Coordsen. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, Madam President and members, this is Senator Lamb's crystal ball amendment because if you adopt the Bernard-Stevens amendment, things like this will become more commonplace around here, because you will, all of a sudden, have a magic way to find money without raising taxes, without hurting anybody, besides the Highway Trust Fund, and that is so huge it won't make any difference anyway. That is one of the problems you have here. The state has historically had a cause and effect between the motor vehicle sales tax and the Department of Roads. I will give Senator Lamb credit, there is probably more cause and effect in Senator Lamb's amendment than Senator Bernard-Stevens. I will give him credit for that, but if these sort of things happen, more...it is going to happen a lot more in the future because anytime you pass a bill, and then down the way you don't have enough money to fund it, you'll be able to tap into the Highway Trust Fund. This is simply a bad precedent to set. A lot of things, now Senator Chambers used the word "windfall" to the Highway Trust Fund. Senator Crosby used the word "gift" to the Highway Trust Fund. And if I can first ask Senator Chambers, how much more money was spent in the Department of Roads because 1059 was passed?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have no idea, Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Senator Crosby, do you know the answer to that, how much more money was spent on state roads because 1059 was