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SENATOR CROSBY: No, but what I said was if 1059 had not passed, they wouldn't have had that money, that is what my point was.

SENATOR MOORE: But they didn't spend any more money because of it. People need to understand there was no windfall to the State Department of Roads. There was no 7, 10, 15, \$20 million more in projects because 1059 was passed. What happens, when we adjourn and go home, the Board of Equalization sets the variable gas tax rates in accordance, they add all the fixed revenues up, and the difference is calculated, they set the variable gas tax rate. What happened that year when we passed 1059, the amount that is going to come in from motor vehicle sales tax changed, the Appropriations Committee, long before 1059 ever passed, it assigned an appropriation to the Department of Roads, and simply what happened in that year, the price of gas eventually went up, the gas tax didn't go up as much as it would have. No more money was spent, no more money was appropriated to the Department of Roads due to 1059. The State Department of Roads got no more appropriation, spent not one dollar more because 1059 was passed. So there was not a windfall there. There was not a gift there on the state side of the ledger. On the local side of the ledger, yes, there was some additional money that went to local governments because of 1059, because that portion of the budget, the 47 percent that goes to the local...of the trust fund that goes to local government was increased. You know, when Senator Robinson talks about property taxes, to give you an idea, you know the amendment, itself, Senator, just the three counties I represent, the \$111,000 that the counties are going to lose, the villages in those counties are going to lose probably another \$70,000, and so you are talking about \$180,000 in property taxes with the Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment. So that's, the only entity that is really affected by that, will be decreased, will be the local governments. State, and arguably the state gas tax rate will variable slightly because of it, but the misconception continues to abound that 1059 raised the amount of dollars this state spent on its roads. That is not true. There is not a windfall there. There is not a gift there. Arguably, I guess you could argue there was a windfall and a gift to local governments. With the state, that was not the case, and I think people need to understand that. You know, another thing Senator Chambers mentioned that was never mentioned in the forum about the sales tax increase. Senator Chambers, that is absolutely incorrect. I was in a lot