

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: And whose projects do you think they will take it from? Because we have got the Omaha projects we have got to get completed, it is a ten year program, those are going to come from other areas and other projects won't be done. And so you need to think about that it just isn't taking money out of the Highway Trust Fund because that is not true. It is the where you are going to take that money, from what projects. The other thing that is going to occur is that if you do do this, the variable gas tax will go up. We are the third or fourth highest gas tax state in the country right now, and if you do this amendment, the Senator Bernard-Stevens amendment, you are going to guarantee yourself a raise in gas tax. And that is another project and another issue that you have to debate entirely. There is more to say on the issue, but I think Senator Lamb has, through example, brought to you what the debate is going to be. It is an attractive source of funds but it has very, very serious implications,...

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: ...and I would agree with Senator Moore, this was not a windfall.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I have really found it interesting on the debate, and my good friend, Doug Kristensen, is I think officially now the Chairman of the Transportation Committee, and he is fighting the arguments, as even though the arguments are somewhat weak, as I will talk about a little bit later on. Senator Moore, he and I were chatting just a little bit, and I found it also interesting because Scott was saying, as he has in the past, he has been very consistent on this, that once we begin to do these things, you mark my word, there is going to be other amendments, and there is going to be other raids. And, sure enough, as, you know, and Senator Lamb has always been against these things as well, so that side offers the amendments and says, see, we told you that was going to happen, and I find that interesting. The point is, and Senator Moore knows this, Senator Kristensen knows this, everybody in the body knows that all funds that go everywhere at some point, if there are 25 votes to make a change