

that's wrong. If the teachers need more money well then we should go to the General Fund and get it, or I'd rather see that we increased the state aid to schools and let the local school board, where we have local control, decide how much these teachers should be paid. So I would just say to you here today if we divert some of these funds we're going to increase property taxes. Somebody called this a windfall. Well, if I remember correctly we had a number of hearings on LB 1059, and I was in on some of those, and we talked about what this money would be used for, especially this 1 cent increase in sales tax, and especially that sales tax that was on vehicles. And I always thought that it was the intent of the introducers of this bill that that would go into the Highway Trust Fund. And I know that there was some amendments added here on the floor. And so I don't think we can say it was exactly a windfall for the State Highway Department or the counties and cities, I don't believe it was. But I do have a question of Senator Bernard-Stevens. Dave, would you care to answer a question.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. When...when would this diversion start, would that be July 1, 1992?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, sir. As...as...it would have been technically with...the way it was, when the Bernard-Stevens amendment was...amendment to the amendment was agreed to, that set the starting collection date for January 1, 1993.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Starts January 1, 1992.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Ninety-three.

SENATOR HEFNER: Ninety-three, okay, thank you for that information. And I understand that will be about 14 and 1/2...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR HEFNER: ...15 million dollars, is that right? Per year.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Actually, the first payment, if the amendment would be agreed to, the first payment that would go out to teachers, that would have some funds in, would be about \$6 million. Once you collected for an entire year and it got