

into sync, it would be about 14.6, but that's a guesstimate based on previous collections.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. And, of course, that would depend upon the economy in our state and how many new and used cars were purchased. But I...I just...I just feel...I just feel that this is bad policy and we should vote the amendment down. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hefner. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Crosby, I just...sorry you are in the same row. I just happened to look up at you, and I know that you're a supporter of this and a sponsor of the amendment, and so I'll...I'll visit with you. This isn't personal, but you're just an attentive face. I supported LB 89 and 91 for..and it was difficult to do, because some times it wasn't very popular in my district to go out and support those two pieces of legislation. Some people had the feeling that the real employers of teachers were the county boards and the school boards and the people at the local level. And I think that the arguments that Senator Withem and other people made were persuasive arguments to me. And I voted for those pieces of legislation. And when I see another teacher sala , increase come this year to continue that policy, that's attractive to me until, and it's a huge until, until you find this process. And there is a reason that we have the process, and that's to guarantee stable funding. I would like to do this. I happen to think that taking that money out of General Fund money is the appropriate way to do it, as I voted to do each of the last two times it's been before us, and would like to do that again, because it is out of General Fund that the students do belong to all of us across the state and so on, that we all have some responsibility if we feel those are not high enough paid salaries to increase those. I would like to see those salaries go to the lower paid teachers, quite frankly, and not to the teachers with the higher salaries. I'd like to see those salaries go to the beginning teachers, and in all cases that did not occur. But when I hear Senator Bernard-Stevens start to make these comments, well let's just throw us a crumb, I think he distorts the facts badly. And I think the facts are distorted badly as well when people say this Legislature gave a windfall to the Highway Trust Fund, to the cities and to the counties, because I don't think that's true. If you think about it, there's not a person in here who knows that when you raise the sales tax you also raise the sales tax on motor vehicles.