

very frankly, it follows everything else that is in competition with other A bills. As that trailer bill worked, as I recall, last year, passed after we...last day of the session, or at least there was no opportunity to look at a veto. What was in the trailer bill, and that's what they originally were designed to be, were items that a Governor could veto to make the balance, the budget balance. And I can't...if I was the teachers I can understand they would feel a little bit...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...a little bit taken in. Somebody decided that there were higher priorities than the 5 million, and then they were put in the trailer bill, which made them very subject to veto, and that's what occurred. I, too, would like to see that program maintained as it was intended to be originally. But that did not occur. The solution to that problem is not one of creating another problem in another area. And once we begin to do this, certainly we're hurting local governments, or we're incr...and we're increasing gas taxes for a state program of stability, and I don't think that...the result of those two things can be considered good public policy.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Schellpeper, followed by Senators Lynch, Rasmussen, Coordsen, Bernard-Stevens, Withem, Abboud, and Schmit. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I rise to oppose this amendment also. Now, I support teachers. I think teachers need to have more funds. But I think, just like Senator Moore, it needs to come from the state treasury. The State of Nebraska needs to make a commitment to our education and to our children that we need to put more money into education, not out of the Highway Trust Fund. My oldest son is a teacher. He's been a teacher for about 15 years. I know that they need more...more money. And I think the state needs to also realize that, and they need to put more money into education. I would support anything except the Highway Trust Fund. I've been a strong supporter of the expressway that we're going to have across Nebraska. You take funds out of the Highway Trust Fund, you're going to slow up the expressway system. Now, Senator Bernard-Stevens, he has the interstate running through his district. He doesn't have to worry about the expressway system, we do in our areas. Roads are very important