

go, projects over time that will be delayed, they'll be where the lower traffic is, they'll have to be because safety, on the high volume roads you have to keep those maintenance...that maintenance and improvements in...consistent with the traffic volume. And I would trust that the body would not advance this bill today. Sure, you'll begin to get lots of concerns expressed from local governments, cities and counties they impact, that they're going to feel. The roads that many of you who argued long and hard, three, four years ago, that you needed in many areas across the state, some of which will now be delayed. Actually, I'll tell you what will happen with less funding, they'll just resurface them, and they'll remain with narrow shoulders and narrow paving, more dangerous is probably what will happen. Because there's a limit to what the gas tax can be. And I would hope that you would take those things into account in advancement of this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Lamb, followed by Senators Coordsen, Lynch, and Kristensen. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair, members of the Legislature. Well, some people have talked about the...what was the original intent of...of 1059 in regard to this tax on motor vehicles. And, as several people have pointed out, it was...it was well debated on this floor, for those of you who were not here at the time. Now, if there was an argument that the general populace did not know what we knew here on the legislative floor, it would be much more logical to put that money into state aid to schools rather than directly to the teachers. There was never, there was never, as far as I can remember, never a proposal on this floor that that one penny on motor vehicles should go directly to teachers. What are we doing? See, we're eroding local control because the state is...is sending the money directly to the teachers rather than to the school boards who should be making that decision. There is not a shred of...of reasoning, in my opinion, as to why this money should go directly to the teachers. There could be some misinformation on the part of the general public when they voted for LB 1059, on the ballot, that they might have thought that all of it went to state aid to schools, state aid to schools, which is absolutely different from what we're talking about here today. I urge you not to vote for the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Coordsen.