

you're raising property taxes to pay for it. You're raising gas taxes to pay for it, all under the cover of darkness because you're not willing to raise taxes to pay for teachers salaries. As I said, I'll be willing to do that. I'd rather do that than what we just did. But if...okay, I'll finally give it to you, I'll finally give it to you, if you...if that inadvertent increase in the motor vehicle sales tax is that bad, let's at least keep a going toward...you were convincing me what it's supposed to go towards, 1059 funds. Let's put it there, if that's what you want to do. But to say it was indirectly supposed to be to fund and spend more money on education, spend more money on teachers, that I think is the final straw on trying to mislead the voters. That's what it was about. Now all the things you've said, if you believe all of those things, you better support my amendment, because that's what the money was raised for then. It was there to fund 1059, not to fund LB 89, not to fund LB 91, it was there to fund LB 1059. So I'll give it to you. If you adopt my amendment, I'll support everything else. I mean you, all of us can be straight with the voters then. Let's do it that way. And that way, if you want to fund 1059, let's raise sales and income tax dollars, do it with something like that. But your present method of doing it, you've inadvertently found a funding source for the teacher pay bill. That, I think, is deliberately misleading the people of the State of Nebraska. I have a real problem with that. If you mean what you said, and you mean what you said the last five hours, then do it. Mean it, put it in the Tax Equity Financing Act, that's what it was raised for. If you believe all that stuff, that's what it was raised for. Be consistent, put it where it's supposed to go, don't divert it out someplace else. Don't divert it someplace else and actually raise...increase, inadvertently, the spending on the education side of things. As I said, I'm willing...I would like to fund that teacher pay, but I'd like to cut a lot of things to fund that teacher pay bill. But to inadvertently raise property tax, and inadvertently raise gas tax to do it I have a real problem with. And if all of you folks stand here and say the people were misled in 1990, you're misleading them worse on March 20th, you're misleading them much worse on March 20th. If you want to be level with them, at least do it this way. I urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. The speaking order now is Senator Moore, Senator Hall, Senator Bernard-Stevens, Senator Beutler, Senator Ashford, Senator Lynch, and Senator Chambers. Senator Hall. Senator Hall, do you wish to speak to