

pointing out what the argument has been. And on my part you correctly represented the position that I had taken on this matter. I had felt, and I doubt that I supported 1059 when the vote came. I had felt that the main purpose of that bill should be served by any funding mechanism that was in the bill. Senator Moore, I voted for the original amendment that you are attempting to amend now. Some people say that I won't change my mind. I won't change my mind unless I'm given a reason to do so. Senator Moore has given me that reason. His argument, from my position, is unassailable. I have no argument that I can give to counteract what he said. Were I not to vote for Senator Moore's amendment it would mean one of two things, either I was being dishonest when I made my first arguments, or something has changed my mind to the point where I think this money, that is coming from 1059, should go for a purpose other than 1059, but a purpose that I've selected rather than to the Highway Trust Fund. My argument has not been that I should select some other purpose than the Highway Trust Fund. My argument was that it should go for what 1059 was designed to achieve. And although I'm almost 100 percent sure that I voted against 1059, this, that Senator Moore is offering, is in line with what I had argued. And, Senator Moore, you and I may be the only ones to vote for this. But you can count on the fact that you've got one vote with you, and it's because you...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...persuaded me.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President. I just want to kind of make it clear what I perceive is going on at this particular point. When the Bernard-Stevens amendment was agreed to it had 28 votes. It's Friday afternoon. People have a tendency to have things they need to do. The longer we can keep the debate, the longer we can offer an amendment such as Senator Moore tries to do, which he knows is off...off the...the trodden path of where we're going on this bill, we can debate this now, and we'll probably have to adjourn, and we'll have then the weekend to really hammer on those that voted on the 28. And when we come back Monday there'll probably be 23 or 24 brave souls to continue and the rest won't be there, or they just happen to might not show up that Monday...Monday morning.