

That's what's going on here, we all know that. For anyone to argue in this body that we don't know how we're going to vote on this issue at this point, that's a ridiculous argument. We know what we're going to do. The games that are being played now are legitimate, they are real, and I urge the body, that have been very supportive of the measures that we have adopted to this point, to stay as long as they can, because it's a waiting game at this particular point. Senator Moore's amendment is an intriguing amendment. And I...I'd liken it, I guess, to what...couple of comments Senator Chambers' has said. But I want to make specific...perfectly clear what the amendment technically would do. Senator Moore's amendment would say, listen, if you're going to take the Highway Trust Fund, you're going to then, if you agree to his amendment, put it in 1059, that's what we're going to do. And the argument is a good argument, it says if, in fact, all the money was going to be for 1059, let's put it in 1059. Good argument, Scott, I don't...I don't fault you for the argument, it's a good amendment, actually. But what it also does is it says that there will be nothing for the teacher funding on the salary, and what we will have is a...they'll have 7 million this year, and what we'll have next year in the budget, and Senator Scott Moore, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, knows this to be true, when we get down to budget time next year and we're already being told by our chairmen and by the Governor's office and others, we're looking at a 75 to 150 million dollar shortfall because of Medicaid. He knows darn good and well that one of the areas that there would be zero effort or zero amounts of monies to fund would be the teacher education bill, a bill that he has never supported. He knows this to be true. Good amendment, Scott. That's one of the reasons why you're good in the body. But I want the body to understand that his amendment, though on the surface seems to be a legitimate argument for the 1059, totally diverts the argument from what we are trying to do with the teacher incentive, the teacher pay. This amendment puts nothing towards the teacher incentive. And when we come back next year, we won't even have 7, mark my words, there will be zero. And we'll have 1 million dollars per mile for a highway, and that highway will, at some point, decay and we'll have to redo it again. But unfortunately, we cannot redo the mind of the child that was lost because they didn't have the best teacher. We can't redo that one. And that's what we're getting to on these amendments. I urge the body to hang tough. If we have to adjourn, that's what we'll do. But I urge us to hang tough. At some point we'll try to get to a vote, and then we'll