

with, then the money should not go to the Help Education Lead to Prosperity Act, the money should go to the 1059 portion of that bill because if that's what the money was raised for, that's where it should go and I think two wrongs shouldn't make a right because I think if the HELP situation would be, if you're of the opinion that the Motor Vehicle Trust Fund somehow got something it didn't deserve, I think arguably the thing, the same arguments would be just the same to Help Education Lead to Prosperity Act and so that was why I filed the amendment to point out some of the, what I would call inconsistencies in the arguments of the promoters of the Bernard-Stevens amendment. I know Senator Rasmussen and Senator Bernard-Stevens and Senator Withem had made compelling arguments as to why it was unfair what had occurred. I guess my argument is if what happened with 1059 was unfair, then I guess what happened last Friday would be just as unfair because once again it was not the intended purpose of that money. Obviously I'm of the opinion nothing wrong ever did happen. I think everybody, that was debated extensively. Much money was spent extensively explaining why that money should go into the Highway Trust Fund and actually I think once again the ongoing misconception that there was additional money to the State Department of Roads because of the passage of that bill, once again, there was not any additional money to the State Department of Roads. The only thing that happened was the gas tax did not go up as much as it would have to fund our accelerated road program. The only entity that got some more money would have been the local governments and so once again if you would move forward with 1272 in its present form, you'd raise the gas tax and you'd raise property tax to make up the difference. Obviously I'm of the opinion the money should stay in the Trust Fund. I think we're setting a very bad precedent if we go down that path. I have no problem at all with the present law because as I've stated, people...that was well discussed during the summer of '90 and at this point in time I guess my preference is to try and right our wrong that we did on Friday afternoon and try and keep the money in the Highway Trust Fund where I think it rightfully belongs so at this point in time, Madam Chair, I would withdraw my amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Mr. Clerk, next motion on the desk.

CLERK: Madam President, priority motion. Senator Wehrbein would move to reconsider the adoption of the Rasmussen, Bernard-Stevens, Crosby amendment, AM3538.