

available. Some of us thought it would be worthwhile using that \$500,000 to start local programs for the retarded because the only thing left for the retarded at that time, if they couldn't be taken at home or if their folks were rich enough to take care of them was to send them to a state institution and there were over 3,000 people at Beatrice at that time. This sort of reminds me of that. I think the teachers have tried and were willing to accept even hits to receive the kind of funds they wanted, but all of a sudden in this particular year because of legislation that was developed to help education, I don't know what you want to call it, a windfall, extra money. In any case it was funds that was not budgeted for and at this point in time because of the one to six year plans at the state level and also at the local level has not even been designated to spend, that they suggested that this source of funds be used. Seems very appropriate to me. I hope that you can see through that and would like to suggest that since I've heard so much on the floor here that well we ought to find a better source. Senator Hefner just mentioned it ought to come out of General Funds for example. That's great. I'm willing to do that. Let's have an act of good faith then on the floor here. Let's pass this legislation that would permit these funds to be used for education and for HELP, excellence in education funds, and then a year or two from now when this body displays that act of good faith and, in fact, replaces that money that has been vetoed out and then voluntarily given back to us so we could resolve some of our budget problems, then let's put it back in the roads. I've got no problem with that. Doesn't that seem like a fair deal? But I don't think there are some people on this floor that are serious about helping the teachers anyhow. They talk about it but they don't want to raid these funds. I don't know if you know this or not, maybe you've got a copy of this, but...oh, here's a little article taken from a newspaper that indicated Governor Orr's objections to 1059. The seventh reason why she vetoed it was that LB 1059 raises 17 million in sales taxes that will go into Highway Trust Fund rather than in education. That's not my...that's what Governor Orr said when she vetoed it. We knew back then that the money was intended for education but we're still going to stick it to the teachers...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR LYNCH: ...by using these arguments for the most part, really silly, that it's going to hurt the local jurisdictions of