

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Which...?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Now I'm not sure yet, I mean...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Which question are you asking?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Well, either one. I mean, if we could find another funding source...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: If you could find another funding source for the teacher pay I would consider it. If you'd find another funding source for the Highway Trust Fund in order to allow this to happen, no.

SENATOR ASHFORD: All right, so in any event, I guess my point again would be that I think the motion is premature that we are trying to find alternative sources of funding to try to meet both concerns and I just would hope that the body would at this point, either if Senator Wehrbein would withdraw his motion at this point and then resubmit it if we can't accomplish that, or just vote against the motion to reconsider and allow us to try to find a way to fix this.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I suspect most minds have been made up on this issue, but there is only so many things to say, but to repeat some of them, obviously local government will have a reduction between the cities and counties of 6.8 million. The numbers that affects each of your districts were, are available if you wish to see where that reduction occurs. And what it does obviously mean that either property tax would have to make it up or more likely, reduction in the improvements of the streets and roads within a county or a city is the more likely thing that will occur. But in any event, there will be the impact that's no way to avoid. Talk on whether the funds were originally intended to go where, and I'll repeat again, LB 1059 was introduced, that's where the money went on the 1 percent to the Highway Fund. There were numerous attempts on the floor here to change that direction including retaining the highway, the sales tax on motor vehicles at 4 percent instead of 5. That was defeated. There were attempts to put for the additional 1 percent into 1059, that was defeated. By and large, those who were the