

we debated it, the Governor was in the paper a number of times on and on again, that was a point of discussion where that cent went and so people may not have known about it. That's absolutely right, but it's not because it was hidden from them. It was discussed time and time again and maybe many supporters of the bill chose to ignore that, but it was something that certainly the opponents of the bill were well aware of, and as I said, I got hit on it a number of times so I don't think the Legislature inadvertently did anything because the Governor, people against 1059 and many people made sure the public knew what was going on. And so, one, there is not some giant pot of gold sitting there that we can just set into, and, yes, there's a lot of money for the Department of Roads and if your argument is we spend too much on roads, you want to spend some of that money on teachers, that's a fair argument to make, that's a good argument to make. I mean, why should the roads, are roads more important than the teachers? That's a fine argument to make. But to sit here and say that money is sitting there gathering dust, why can't the teachers have it, is an incorrect statement to lead those people to believe the money is there because it is not. As we said, if you do this, the gas tax has to go up slightly, lower governments, and maybe, Senator Lynch, like you said, on the local side, I don't know. Maybe that money there...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...wasn't allocated. You certainly may be correct there but on the state side of the things, that money...it was a corresponding impact on the gas tax, no new money was spent. All monies sitting there is obligated for some reason and so if you do it this way all that happens is the gas tax goes up, but it is not money laying there gathering mold that we can give to the teachers. I think, hopefully, maybe there are some things that we can do to give the teachers money, I'm willing to do that. Once again, I sat here and voted no time and time again on the vetoes last year to try and protect the teachers because we knew any money we overrode, any money we overspent the last couple of days was coming out of the teacher bill whether we liked it or not. It was my intent to keep it at \$50 million. Had we not spent more than we had last year, they would have had their \$50 million as they should in my opinion.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Before we proceed with debate I'd like to call your attention to the north