

continue to support our teachers in a manner that is appropriate. We already have \$1.2 billion going to education in Nebraska, even more than what is going to roads so the same argument could be made that if there is \$1.2 billion going to education and only nine hundred and some million or let's even call it a billion going to roads, there is money there too and I'll be the first to admit that the teachers could be more fully funded and should be, but it should not come out of Highway Trust Fund. I hate to use the word sacred and I know many of you do not consider that sacred, but once we start changing the allocations and the funding and the direction of the Highway Trust Fund, it's going to be increasingly tempting to go other ways with it. So I'd urge you to consider this policy change that's going to take us well into the next century. I appreciate Senator Lynch in his remarks and that he would consider doing something different in the future, but that's another Legislature and another time. Let's don't make the mistake now. I urge you to reconsider this vote and to carry forward accordingly with the integrity of the system as has been ongoing for several years.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. We are still looking for Senator Chambers. You've heard the motion for reconsideration. We have not been able to locate Senator Chambers so we'll proceed with the vote. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'd like to request a roll call vote, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Request for a roll call vote. Please proceed, Mr. Clerk. Please proceed.

CLERK: (Read roll call vote. See pages 1508-09 of the Legislative Journal.) 22 ayes, 15 nays, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion fails. I will raise the call. Is there anything further on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Ashford would move to amend the bill. (Ashford amendment appears on page 1509 of the Legislative Journal.)