SENATOR LAMB: Withdraw.

SPEAKER BAACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next motion I have to the bill by Senator Schrock and Senator Robinson. Senator, I have a note you wish to withdraw 3629 and offer 3649.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SPEAKER BAACK: No objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Schrock and Robinson would move to amend, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this new amendment is very similar to the one printed in the Journal. The difference is the first amendment drafted did not strike the language where the funds were taken out of the Highway Trust Fund. This amendment does strike that language and substitutes the tax on carbonated beverages. Also, this amendment starts the tax at approximately July 15 instead of October 1. What this amendment does, it puts a 20 cents per gallon tax on carbonated beverages, I've done some calculations that amounts to less than two cents per can on a 12 ounce can, about 1.9 cents per can. It has become quite apparent to me considering the phone calls and the contacts from back home that taking the money for the teachers out of the Highway Trust Fund is not a proposal that I can support. I would like to help the teachers out and so this is a way, a method of funding that I can support. This would have raised approximately $11.5 million a year as there are 57 million gallon of carbonated beverages consumed in the State of Nebraska on an annual basis. This I can support. I would hope that you would consider it. If there are any questions, why I'd be glad to try and answer them.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Robinson, you're next.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I rise to support my amendment and Senator Schrock's amendment to put the money for the teachers into the...taking care of as far as the