

like you, Rex, I really do. I think you're...you know, I hate to see you disenfranchise your vote the rest of the session. Senator Peterson, tax, tax, tax, he says. Well, we got more bills up here coming up with rate increases on motor vehicles and whatever it is. You can go right down the line. Senator Conway has got one that shuffles one around. I think it's called the clunker. In fact, I renamed him Mr. Clunker and he sort of likes that name, but, folks, I can tell you pop or beer is better than highways whether you like it or not. It's better than highways. And besides that, I'd sure like to see you get rid of that 1.7 on the wards of the court because my vote will never come out of it if that stays on, so I think it's really worthwhile debate and you can talk about public hearings, but I even know of a bill that come before the Appropriations Committee that doesn't even have a priority designation. Aren't those facts something that things come down to these final days and you know, we can't tax this and we can't tax that, but if it's your little pet, we can tax it. I can take either...I'll vote for Senator Lamb's bill. I think it probably is a better think than taking it out of pop. Now we shift it from one lobbyist to another lobbyist. Now they're up there scrambling and we've got the beer and liquor people out there. Boy, they're working their tails off back there, aren't they? I don't even want to turn around because I'll probably smile at them. Get them off one and onto the other, isn't it? Boy, we have a lot of fun down here, don't we? Vote for Senator Lamb's beer tax. I like it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Oh, I'll pass.

SPEAKER BAACK: I like that enthusiasm. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to oppose Senator Lamb's amendment. I obviously understand where he is coming from but as Senator Lamb is well aware of, we do have liquor and beer taxes and wine taxes in the State of Nebraska for a variety of reasons and though an argument could be made to increase those, I don't know if this is the proper time for it. I think the pop tax is certainly superior to the Highway Trust Fund and I plan on supporting that measure, but I think the beer tax is going too far to this point in time. I don't remember, I'm sure there has been bills introduced on the beer tax. I know there was a bill introduced on the pop tax last year even