

requested. Have you all voted? Senator Lamb requested a record vote. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1540 of the Legislative Journal.) 6 ayes, 27 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment fails. We are now on the Schrock amendment. Senator Robinson. Senator Moore, on the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to support Senator Schrock's amendment. The simple choice that I have, you must remember back in 1989 I was opposed to LB 89 for the reasons that that level of funding could not be sustained, in my opinion, using General Funds. And that was my adamant stance at that point in time that we should not go down that path, you could not add that chunk of money to the state budget without some sort of revenue-raising measure to go with that. And at that time, I believe there was a motion to raise the sales by a quarter cent to fund that bill and the supporters of the bill opposed that, being of the opinion that that would, in essence, kill the bill. And, at that point in time, those folks said, well, this can be funded and if you vote no on this bill, obviously, you're antieducation because the money is there and to think otherwise is simply a smoke screen to try and keep the teachers from getting an increase in stipend. And I thought that was unfortunate at the time because I said, repeatedly, you need to have a funding source to fund that bill before you ever start it. Well, lo and behold, now three years later, the supporters of that measure have finally come to the realization you do need a funding source of some sort and that bill and that measure could not sustain itself over the long term. And now we're back to the point of trying to find a funding source for it and I think it's a few years too late, but nevertheless if you want to fund this bill, you have to support it some way. I, myself, do not...am adamantly opposed to taking funds out of the Highway Trust Fund and I know Senator Withem and Senator Crosby have accused the opponents of the measure in its present form for winning the rhetoric battle. But I think, as Senator Crosby said, I mean, you don't...she supports taking money from the Highway Trust Fund because it's more indirect. It's not a direct tax increase. It's not a direct tax increase. It's an indirect tax increase, that's why she wants to support it that way. And Senator Withem stated that, well, you know, it's a policy decision, and it is a legitimate policy decision to take