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we're doing it. I would like to have that addressed by somebody that's going to speak yet on this floor as to what is the downside...

SENATOR MORRISSEY PRESIDING

SENATOR MORRISSEY: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...of being open, honest, forthright and do this program if it's felt to be in the best interest of the teachers, of quality education in the State of Nebraska, let's do it right up front, right off the top, right out in the open, and not try to come up with some type of a program that will, in fact, move dollars back and forth between various state agencies, various mechanisms of raising money and in an attempt, I suppose, to be devious and approach this problem in some unobtrusive, obtuse manner, and we're not doing that. We're not going to do it. It will not work. If we want to do this program, for God's sakes, folks, do it out in the open, do it up front, do it the right way, do it in an understandable way,...

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Time.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...do it in a way that's workable. Thank you.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Our next speaker is Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, throughout this discussion I have sat and thought on many occasions of what a poor policy and what a poor track we were heading down with taking the money from the Highway Trust Fund. And then I kept coming back, listening to the speeches of the need and the commitments that were made and so on, and if I look at the facts, I am faced right now with voting for Senator Schrock's pop amendment versus taking the money out of the Highway Trust Fund. The pop tax would be a General Fund tax which would satisfy my earlier speeches and earlier comments that really the pot that you need to take the money out of is General Fund money, although it's probably a very isolated tax, it's one that's...and I don't think it's ever good policy to write tax law on the floor of the Legislature without some careful study and thought, and then that applies towards the amendment that was put on the other day towards the