

but it possibly could, who knows. And then if that happened, my golly, he would probably be back here supporting some kind of funds to make sure we adequately support teachers' salaries. I point this out to you to make sure that you would be reminded that the people gave the Legislatures the responsibility for either raising or lowering of valuations of farmland values as we saw fit. Now you could see fit to do it this way if you wanted to. But, obviously, you don't want to get into that cookie jar either, do you? No, not really. Some people want it, I guess, every way. They already have it and don't want to lose it. But it seemed like a reasonable alternative, to me, but I also understand, as someone who understands and reasons, how people may feel and since we really never worked this kind of an amendment, never even talked about it before, but I really thought it was important to get something like this into the record so that when you talk about the other alternatives, in all good faith, you have to talk about another alternative that I would withdraw at this time.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: The amendment is withdrawn. Anything else on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further pending at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: We are back to the bill then. Our next speaker is Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the advancement of this bill because I believe it's wrong to take this money out of the Highway Trust Fund. The money in the Highway Trust Fund is badly needed, not only by us in the rural areas but also by those in the urban areas, especially in Omaha since they're rebuilding the interstate. I have a question for Senator Crosby if she will respond. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask Senator Crosby a question.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Crosby. I don't see her, Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay. Maybe...maybe Senator Withem could answer the question.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Senator Withem, would you respond?