

tell me about the trust fund and how sacred it is as it applies to highways. As long as we're using that trust fund to supplement large companies, or we justify building buildings with trust fund accounts, because somebody hauls a truck full of corn over the highway, that's a weak, weak excuse. What's the difference between a teacher driving over the highway to go to school, or the kids driving over the highways to get to school, or the construction workers driving that material down the road to build the school. Roads, roads, roads, what does that have to do with it at all. I think you should all better understand what the trust...highway trust is all about and where that money goes. And certainly I'm going to talk about it a lot more. I hope our Appropriations...

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SENATOR LYNCH: ...Committee takes more time than we have in the past to understand where we're spending all this money in the state so we can give the priority to these kind of issues that should be given to them. So that you won't have to take from people who maybe mean well but don't understand what the trust fund is all about and how it works. And I certainly don't think we should continue policies or develop sales taxes that go into highways that build those buildings and supplement large companies. So I would respectfully withdraw this amendment at this time, Madam Chairman, and offer the next amendment, and hope that you seriously consider it, folks, because it's \$9 million on a permanent basis, that's fair and equitable and, of course, easy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. The amendment is withdrawn. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to several guests in the Chamber this afternoon. Seated in the south balcony are guests of Senator Kristensen. They are 20 fourth graders from Axtell Community School in Axtell, Nebraska and their teacher. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Seated under the south balcony are guests of Senator Dierks, Nick Hammerluen and Dennis Shannahan of O'Neill. Welcome to the Chamber. And guests of Senator Robinson, seated under the south balcony, Jim and Evelyn Swenson of Oakland. Welcome to the Chamber. Under the north balcony are guests of Senator Bernard-Stevens. Martin Coordis and Judy Ressetter of North Platte. Welcome to the