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teachers, when some money wound up in that trust fund from an education bill, but they want us, in raising fees that have to do with the users of automobiles, to fund a gun check law. If the one was not rationally connected, these two are not rationally connected at all. If that bill, having been passed by the Legislature, requires money for its implementation, the Governor should be required to put it into the request for the State Patrol, because it is under his direction. It is part of the executive branch. But to have a method like this where you take a hidden tax and put it into a bill such as this that relates to fees associated with driving a motor vehicle for the purpose of a check of a person's background who wants to buy a pistol is totally irrational, and I think it is inappropriate. This is a tax bill. And there should, at least, be some kind of rational relationship between the tax imposed and the purposes to be achieved, and there is no relationship between a background check on somebody who is going to buy a pistol and driving a motor vehicle. So I have some amending I intend to do on these fees because they are not what they appear to be. Senator Moore may have come closest to the truth when he said this constitutes a group of people that you can go after, that is not exactly what he said, but this is a group that is not organized.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They do not constitute a recognizable constituency which has meetings and so forth. This is the motoring public. Those who, theoretically, are looking for us in the Legislature to protect their interest. These taxes should not be levied in this manner. The increases are exorbitant, and this attempt to get money for the State Patrol in this fashion I think is totally unjustified. So let me ask Senator Schellpeper a quick question, and it is always when we are running out of time. Senator Schellpeper, are you willing to cut out that part that would go to the State Patrol for background checks for pistol buyers?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator Chambers, the way that the computer works, it does not work for just background checks. It works background...for the checks for everybody. It isn't just on guns. It works on for everybody.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not to cut you off but I was told it is because of LB 355 that this money for the computers is being