

Appropriations Committee, I am sure it came before the Transportation Committee, could have come before the Revenue Committee is the question or the concept of motor vehicles, Department of Motor Vehicles, we want to cash fund it. We want to make it sustainable on cash funds. The theory behind that in its pristine form, before we agreed to the Kristensen amendment a minute or two ago, the theory behind it was that if we made it totally cash funded that we would not have to use General Fund's money, and that it would free up somewhere about a little, around a million dollars that we traditionally would have spent General Fund to motor vehicles. We would have been able to free that monies up or those monies up. We could have either had an increase in the General, the 3 percent reserve, saying we didn't spend the money, therefore, our reserve looks a million dollars better. We could have transferred it to the Cash Reserve Fund so that looks a little bit better. But in theory, it saved General Fund's money. In essence, the way I understand it, and the way, at least, I perceive it to be, if there was a million dollars left over, at some point, if it were in the General Fund, at some point, it would have been spent or very well could have been spent, if not now, certainly next year. And the way I look at it, if most of the people who are getting licenses, which it affects most of the people in the State of Nebraska, are paying an increased fee or vis-a-vis tax, and yet we are using that monies for a specific funding of an agency, state agency, that is something that the State of Nebraska needs to look at and saying to themselves, is this how we want to fund agencies of the State of Nebraska? Do we want to fund these by increases in "fees" or if we are going to fund agencies like the Department of Motor Vehicles because they desperately are in need of upgrading, should we do it the old-fashioned way? Come straight forward, look at a budget, say we are not going to spend here, here, and here to free up monies to spend over here in the Department of Motor Vehicles because we really need it, or, unusual as it may sound, we are not going to, we are going to reduce spending in order to free up monies, or be totally up front and say we are going to increase general sales or income tax because we need more money to run state government, of one, this will be the case. And it really bothers me that we are going more and more to the fees concept. I sense it in a lot of funding of state government. Now we have projects that we know we won't have money to fund on capital construction. We are looking at a definite problem next year. So not only are we going to increase the five cents for cigarette tax to be funding other General Fund type capital construction, while another