

source that's not otherwise taxed under the motor fuel and that would be an annual fee that would be paid at the time that they license a vehicle. One other provision that's included in this, which is also in 182, is a combining of the provisions for the mechanism that we use in lieu of bonding for dealers to hold. Some years ago individual dealers had to take...hold a bond to assure the payment of due...or the taxes due and that was hard to get and cumbersome. This was changed a number of years ago where there was a fund established in which it was funded by taking a portion of the money that the dealers receive for collecting the tax, it was put into this fund which...and diesel and gas and propane was separately handled, but that was to provide money in the case that some dealer had not paid and there's been some of that. These funds were all separate; under the bill they will all be combined, that is diesel fuel, propane and natural gas, and gasoline, will all...money will go all into the same fund, together with some increase in the size that the fund could be. The reason for doing this is that we've had diesel fuel violations where tax was not paid and the fund is depleted. It could not be in the state, therefore, it cannot collect that due tax that goes back some time, they could not collect it from the dealer who...or dealers who...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...sold the fuel because they had left the country. But this will combine all of those three together and, therefore, making that fund solvent again. But, without that amendment, why the diesel fuel will be insolvent probably up to something in excess of the year 2000. With that, Madam President, I'll be glad to respond to questions relative to the committee amendments then.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Warner. Before we go on with the discussion, the Clerk has an announcement.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Robinson would like to have the Government Committee meet in 2022. Government Committee, Room 2022 now.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you. Senator Warner, your light is the first light and you are waiving off. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, this bill, I think, is the best that we can do under