

this is going to bring about. I also would not hesitate to indicate that it is certainly economic development and certainly it's more economic development for some areas than others but that's the way...that's the way the game is always played. So I will continue to watch and listen and, at this particular time, I will undoubtedly vote to move the bill ahead but I still have some questions that I think haven't been answered and perhaps we can get to that at a later date. Thank you very much.

SENATOR LINDSAY: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, if there was an election tomorrow on rural senators in our district, of course, it would be kind of tough to go home and say, well, I just voted for a tax increase on your corn but vote for me tomorrow. That would be a little tough. This will be an easy bill for me to vote against. I don't think it's the responsible thing to do. I think we need to address this because everybody tells me that if there's not enough money in the Highway Trust Fund why then it's the rural areas that are going to suffer. So, you know, and I would agree that there's probably enough urban senators in here or semi urban senators, if there is such a word, to do about whatever they want to to agriculture anymore. Maybe it wasn't that way 20 years ago, but, like I said, I think we all recognize, however, that agriculture is important. Now three or four years ago I brought an amendment in here to help teachers, would have enhanced their salaries, to put a tax on pop. It occurred to me that maybe I should put an amendment on this bill to tax pop and that would probably release...we could probably go down to half a cent on corn and we could probably...I think that's about \$6 million a year, we could probably reduce the General Fund obligation by about 4 million a year, and most states tax pop. But that got 19 votes then, that's probably what it would get now. That's what I got when I tried to reduce it to a half a cent, it was 19 votes. So, I guess, let's get on with this. I'm interested in the discussion that we've had. I would offer some time to Senator Withem to talk a little bit more about front-loading this because that's become the issue for me. Are we going to just have 4 million this year or this biennium, and then have the Appropriations Committee try and scratch around in 1997 and 1998 to get 26 million? What's your answer to that, Senator Withem?

SPEAKER WITHEM: How much time do I have?