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are deleting the sunset date for the motor fuel task force, which means it'll go on in perpetuity when it was going to sunset in June 30 and their final report was to have been then. And also I just wanted to bring to everyone's attention that there will be a criminal penalty for creating or submitting any false documentation to show that the tax free fuel was sold or purchased tax paid, and those are going to be felonies, Class IV felonies if less than five thousand, and Class III felony if five thousand or more. My purpose being to say that this kind of crime can be considered a felony, but we have a hard time, sometimes, getting felonies for crimes against persons. And I just wanted to make that point. But if you would speak to the sunset date, Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Sure, thank you, Senator Pirsch. As I briefly indicated, this group was actually established initially, I think, back, and it was here in an appropriation bill back in the 1980s sometime. And we had assumed it would be for a short period of time till all this issue was resolved and it was, as you say, the current law had it phased out. During that... there has been and there used to be an appropriation that, at the time it was started, for any incidental expenses, which was like \$10,000 when we started eight, ten years ago. And that's... there's still... most of that's still left because it's no direct expense, it's all state people. But I thought it was a good idea to continue the formal meeting of these agencies on a periodic basis, all who have a related responsibility of collecting fuel tax, hopefully, and some of the things that were, that came out such as elimination of these totalizers on, on fuel tanks grew out of their discussions. It served no purpose, although it was intended originally to serve a purpose of helping them make sure that Revenue knew the number of gallons that went through the tank and whether or not they were taxable and whether or not we collected taxes. They got a better way to do that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute remaining on the bill.

SENATOR WARNER: So it was that kind of thing that helped.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 1121? Seeing none, Senator Warner to close.