

this \$1.22 phone call was for, that he missed this thing that ultimately resulted in a \$6.7 million debt, in effect, that is now hanging over the head of the Department of Roads. It was stated that they can raise the gasoline tax three-quarters of a cent for a year and raise enough money to pay it off. But why should the public be taxed because you have somebody in the Auditor's Office not doing his job? It turned out that it was an employee in the Department of Roads who detected the problem. Now, that's one of those situations which was discovered by the agency involved. But at some point the Legislature could be implicated if an attempt was made to raise the gas tax. And I would strenuously fight against that. But all of that I want to put in the context of this discussion. On occasion the Legislature does something which, in my opinion, is very noteworthy and praiseworthy. I know that when we do these things we're just doing our job, it's what we get that huge salary for, it's why we get the wonderful opportunity to take all this abuse and be misused and scorned, it goes with the territory. But I just wanted to let people know that as critical as I am, there are some of these things that I can recognize and see the value of and will make note of them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I'll just wait until close.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Is there any further discussion on the Wehrbein amendment to the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Wehrbein, to close.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker, members, I think it has been explained, the situation. The Appropriations Committee is recommending this go to the cash reserve, transferable in June.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The question before the body is the adoption of the Wehrbein amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1189. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Wehrbein amendment is adopted.