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tooth, and, Mr. President, I'm going to pull it. I would request that that motion be withdrawn.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator...the next motion I have, Senator Wehrbein, was yours that you filed last night, Senator. Yes, sir?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Microphone malfunction)...to pull that amendment, please. Motion.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: That request requires unanimous consent. Is there any objection? Seeing none, it is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein would move to amend with AM3579. (Legislative Journal pages 1497-1498.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. This is a proposal to hopefully move us off the stalemate. This motion that I filed retains the off-road fuel fund, which is, .125, retention of the off-road fuel fund. It's \$375,000 a year. That was in the original proposal. But if you recall, that's paid primarily by the ethanol processors at this point, because it's...they are using most of the off-road fuel. The other addition that I have gotten in this retains the .25 cent checkoff that was in the original bill, LB 1065. So that remains the same. And this one, which is probably the major change, is, it takes \$1.5 million out of the LUST Fund. If you recall...hold your horses, it's not as bad as it sounds. If you recall, we took \$1.5 million of interest out of the LUST Fund to fund LB 962, the water bill. That is throwing off about \$1.5 million a year. There's been \$3 million in interest built up in the...about 3,100...\$3,100,000, interest has built up in that fund. So this takes the \$1.5 million...the additional \$1.5 million out of the LUST Fund. Only interest, off into the future. And recall that the \$1.5 million of the funding for the water bill was for one year only. So this takes, in essence, even though it doubles up the first year, in the out years, this