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redistribute funds. This doesn't involve any redistribution. We're simply adding money. The second thing is the way we're adding money. We're taking...I think as Senator Landis correctly pointed out, this is not money that was directed at one point to the Highway Trust and went out, and so on and so forth. This is money that has never been directed to the Highway Trust Fund that is now going that direction in the Highway Allocation Fund. I think it's easy to lose sight of the fact that, what if we would come on a situation where we could lower the sales tax rate? Then what happens? Do we...are we obligated, then, to replace the money, this half cent that's lost to the Highway Allocation Fund, when that happens? I don't think we should put ourselves in that sort of a spot, and that's exactly what we're doing with this proposal. So for that reason I don't think it's a sound proposal, either from the standpoint that we're not making the hard decisions about redistribution, which I think we need to make, and we're not making a sustainable decision, in terms of appropriating money to the Highway Trust Fund. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. There are no further lights on. Senator Baker, you're recognized to close on LB 904.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I can't end on a negative note, but we've been hearing consistently this afternoon that we don't have enough money in these funds. This does provide some relief to the cities and counties, and I would ask for advancement of LB 904 to Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. You've heard the closing on advancement. The question before the body is, shall LB 904 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 904. Have you all voted who wish to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 904.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 904 does advance. Mr. Clerk, items for