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SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, Senator Hannibal, it was our intent, and I cannot speak for the introducer of the bill, but it was my intent as the Chairman of that committee and I think it was the Committee's intent that as a matter of fact all we were doing was splitting the budget. We were not increasing the budget in any way, shape or form. We were simply splitting the way that the school district got the funds for that budget and that is, meaning that we said, we are saying to the school district, you ought to levy a separate tax or a separate levy for that portion of your budget that is for transportation purposes. That was our intent. Now if that is not what the bill is saying and if you want to offer an amendment to make certain that that is the intent, I have no problem with that. Again, I am not speaking for the introducer. I am speaking for myself.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, do you wish to speak on this measure? Very well. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just briefly I want to respond to the suggestion that people don't know what the budget is spent for and I'll agree that this is probably true but then let's look at another end of a budget expense that we have that is not required by law, is our school lunch. Do the people in the communities have any idea how much the school lunch is being subsidized? And that is not a required part of our...that is not in the statutes that we furnish school lunch. So perhaps we ought to have a special levy for school lunch. Then we might go on to some other areas that are not directly related to the classroom instruction would be the cost of the buildings and the energy required to heat them or cool them. These are some costs that have gone up tremendously in the last couple of years and so if we don't want to put the...we want the people to know what their cost is for maybe we should have a special levy for that. I think it could go on endlessly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goll. No? Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, as I sit here and