

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President and members, this amendment was going to be offered by Senator Warner, but since he is not here today, he asked if I would introduce the amendment and I agreed that I would. The amendment is basically incorporating a bill that we have in our committee, the Appropriations Committee, LB 35, incorporating this bill into LB 599. And we have had the approval of the sponsor of LB 599, Senator Lamb, and I have talked to some of you on the floor that are interested in the Highway Allocation Fund, Highway Trust Funds, to tell you exactly what the bill is doing. LB 35 is a bill that was brought to us, basically, by the State Auditor in conjunction with the State Treasurer and says that the State Treasurer is not performing the duties of her office with regards to Highway Trust Fund and Allocation Fund as prescribed by law, and the State Treasurer says it is a physical impossibility to do so, and both the auditor and the treasurer agree that it is a difficult if not impossible, in fact it is physically impossible to comply with the laws and so they are saying let's bring the laws into conformance with the way the situation is being done currently. It is technical in nature and has absolutely nothing to do with the distribution of funds in the Highway Trust Fund or Highway Allocation Fund, as far as changing the amounts or changing the allocations or changing much of anything. It is a technical amendment that will allow the flow of funds from fund to fund from the highway gas taxes to go in accordance with the way they are presently being done in practicality. If there are any questions, I would attempt to answer them, but with that, Mr. President, I would offer the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, if Senator Hannibal would yield to a question. Senator Hannibal, 25 page amendment, technical?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Yes.

SENATOR HALL: Yes, yes, have copies been distributed?

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Not to my knowledge.