

exemption that Senator Haberman wants is contained within the sales tax chapter. The amendment that I am offering is an amendment to the sales tax chapter. So we are now dealing with the very same chapter of the law as was dealt for...as was...my amendment deals with the same chapter that Senator Haberman's deals with. Secondly, the amendment, secondly, at this time the dollars themselves flow into the General Fund. This amendment takes nothing out of the Highway Trust Fund because this money never went to the Highway Trust Fund. It only goes to the Highway Trust Fund after July 1st of '87. It never went to the Highway Trust Fund. This amendment takes not one cent out of the Highway Trust Fund. It simply enhances the General Fund which Senator Haberman would diminish. So it makes up for his diminishment of the General Fund. They are very...there is a very clear and close relationship. The amendment is germane.

PRESIDENT: I have many lights on but I don't know if any of you wish to speak to the germaneness of it. Would you please indicate if you do. Senator Warner, Senator Haberman, Senator Hefner, Senator Withem, Senator Beyer, Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, did you wish to speak to the germaneness? Senator Hall, about the germaneness? Okay, if not, Senator Haberman, did you wish to close on your statement of being germane or not? Oh, Senator Schmit, I misunderstood you. I thought you said you didn't. Excuse me. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I would like to speak in favor of the germaneness for this reason, because, as I said on General File, I think that it's important whether it is this bill or any other bill we decide where the money comes from and we have to recognize that when we provide for these exemptions. I think it's also important to recognize that regardless of whether we fund it in this manner or whether it comes from some other source, that by the time it gets over to General...to Final Reading there is going to have to be enough money there to pick up the tab. We have in the past, I'm sure, done this many times. I think that there are other issues here that ought to be discussed. I am disappointed that Senator Haberman withdrew his amendment because of the fact that if you are not going to exempt all farm machinery, we should not create the nightmare of exempting only tractors, combines and mounted equipment. Now, you are not going to be very popular back in "Podunk", Nebraska if you have to separate that equipment each time you make a deal. So I would hope that this amendment would be germane and then if we know where the money is coming from, then we can probably go ahead and make a decision as to whether