

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you.

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SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Nobody says that enforcing traffic laws on the highway is a priority of the state. I don't see any intent language in the Legislature about that. I don't even see where they say it is a priority of this state to execute people in the electric chair, but there is money appropriated for that. And then we're going to come up here with all this high sounding language about priorities and then you're going to stick it to two groups of people and you're afraid to seek an appropriation. Then I'm going to at least take the lying language out of this bill so that when Senator Hefner votes for it and Senator Lamb votes for it they can be as circumspect in this bill as they were about collecting expenses. We changed our voucher system so that Senators could sign it without telling an untruth even though the untruth would consist in terms of art and not outright deceptiveness, but they wanted that voucher changed for that purpose. We are going to freeze something into the laws of this state which is a lie and nobody is concerned about it other than me. Then maybe all I can do is try to maintain what I feel legislative integrity ought to be. So I have another amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler, please.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Once again, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would like to support Senator Chambers. Essentially it seems to me that what we're doing is transforming the marriage license tax into a sin tax, that is we're making it a tax that operates similarly to the liquor tax or to the cigarette tax and by that I mean, these are the taxes that we are using and that we are purporting to use and to tax in excess what is necessary in order to regulate. That is, we are using these taxes for specific purposes, one of which is to fund programs that are more or less or perhaps not at all related to the particular activity. But I want to suggest to you three or four reasons why you should not use this kind of a tax, not treat