

that is what my amendment would do. It would take the Children's Trust Fund portion out of LB 333.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Johnson. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hope you were listening to what Senator Vard Johnson has been saying. I am supporting this amendment for a little bit different reason but for the reason that he speaks of also but we are constantly doing this, and over the past several years we have done it many times, and if you receive a speeding ticket nowadays, it isn't so much the speeding ticket that costs you, the fine is for all this junk that we have tacked on there through the years, and I have been guilty of it in the past. And we continue to do this as we grasp for money here and there, not taking money where we should be taking it from the general fund, but because we can't get it there and we have the shorts this year and we can't afford everything that we want, we want to nail it on to those people out there that are paying this. We don't do it by taking the responsibility ourselves to fund these things if they are good and I think this is somewhat of a good program, but it is not so good that we should be doing these kind of tricks to it, and I think this is tricky, this is sneaky. We are not aboveboard. People don't know about it until they go to get a marriage license, get a divorce, and here of all things is an extra charge tacked on and that is what makes the public mad at us because we do this to them over and over again. A little bit here, there, a little bit next time some other place, and everybody wants a pinch, and we know it is good, employees want this, and instead of facing reality and saying we are going to do this, we are going to do it with taxation, if it is good enough to be in existence, then it is good enough to be in the budget. If it isn't, we shouldn't, in my opinion, be tacking this on to charges out there, marriage licenses, license plates, driver's license, fees when you go into court. I think this is really wrong for us to be continually doing it and we are continuing to do it now. I thought this program was all right. I can abandon LB 333 because of the way we are funding it. I think it is absolutely wrong what we are doing here and I don't like it at all. So, make up your mind. Thank.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Dawson