

cut of \$361 for the Department of Roads. I mean do you really think their three hundred or so million dollar budget can withstand that? I am not sure, and I figure why add insult to injury, why not just give it back to them? I mean, you know, in my opinion it is ludicrous to show it there listed and I don't mean to take this out on the mental health of Governor Kerrey as Senator Marsh suggested but I really think that we are looking at cuts in our budget that go deep into education, deep into social services, areas that we really need to keep vibrant, we need to support. We have got a three hundred, roughly, three hundred million dollar budget that goes unchecked and that is in the Department of Roads. We are going to be looking at, because of the add ins that we have done with the budget in the last hour and a half to two hours, we are going to be looking at a sales tax increase. We are going to be looking at a sales tax increase, half a percent. That is what the package, that is what the program provides for. We have gone through and we have done almost verbatim the entire package. The last step, since we didn't do the Commissions, but the last step is going to be the half cent sales tax, and I hope the greens go up as fast then as they did on the other things, faster than they did on the Commissions, but I would have you take a look and consider when there is talk about that sales tax that those monies that would go into the Highway Trust Fund not be exempted from that sales tax because there is going to be a move in that regard. There is going to be a move to say the Highway Trust Fund, the highways, the projects that have started, are in trouble, and if they don't receive their monies through this additional half cent sales tax that they are going to be in trouble. Well, if we put a cap on it of \$361, I would be willing to give them their half cent sales tax that they get up to \$361, and with that, I am going to ask, when this comes to a conclusion, for a call of the house and a roll call vote, Mr. President. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, do you wish to speak on Senator Hall's motion?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think I understand what Senator Hall is trying to make a point on. However, I would point out that the General Fund money in this particular agency has nothing to do with roads. It is like the...similar to other agencies, for example, one of the groups we overrode today, was in the Department of Economic Development, and has nothing to do with that as an agency. It is where it happens to be housed. There is an appropriation