

sales tax goes, that is collected on motor vehicles, goes to their General Fund. The difference is there are substantial general funds both in the cities and counties that also, that also go for streets and road purposes. So irregardless of where it may be listed or deposited locally, as a practical matter not only does that revenue go for roads and streets at the local level, but additional property tax as well. I would urge the adoption of the amendment. There is every justification to hold these units of government level with what they had anticipated and to maintain that historic concept of those taxes, highway user taxes for motor vehicles, being used for the highway, streets, and roads of this state.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, there are two issues in this amendment. First, is going from a full year to a half year of sales tax, which is something I agree with, and have, by the way, an amendment right after this to do exactly that. The second part of this amendment is to undo the cap for motor vehicle sales and the sales tax on those items. It was something that this body adopted just last week, on 539, and in essence undoes, as I said, that choice that we made last week. It is in the form of a reconsideration attached to a very necessary budget balancing kind of amendment to the bill. It is not, as I recall as one piece, the recommendation of the budget committee. As I understand the budget committee has recommended a half year sales tax, but without any regard to the issue of caps or no caps. So in that sense this, I don't believe, is necessarily consistent with what the Appropriations Committee recommendations were on the amount of revenue necessary to balance the books. Here is what I'd suggest we do. If you are still of the same mind that you were last week, that 3.5 cents for motor vehicles going to roads is enough, and that if we go to 4 percent that that additional half cent ought to come into the General Fund, then vote against the Warner amendment. Wait for the next amendment. The next amendment moves this entire bill to half year collections starting January 1, 1987. That is the amount of money we need to balance the books. That takes into account the amount of veto overrides we had this morning. That is the one that has, in essence, a 4 percent reserve figure. It is the right amount of money. But to plow this ground a second time, to reconsider in the middle of this motion is, I think, inappropriate at this time. We've answered this policy question. We are ready to act on it. And it seems to me that on this time, at this hour, with the press of work that we