

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, last year we had a little budget matter, a little lapsing of cash funds that you might recall on a certain afternoon that led to some merriment in several corners tying in a little bill of mine years ago on the motorcycle safety fund, taxing the people who, in fact, run these motorcycles. And for their own safety and the safety of the public for, in fact, their life's well-being on the road, they have sponsored this notion of some training for themselves. And at the end of last session the scythes of the Appropriations Committee swept through this fund and harvested thousands of dollars from this cash fund dedicated for a specific purpose, for, in fact, a life and death specific purpose and, in fact, then wound up building, as I understand it, a rainproof roof for the Game and Parks Division and their lovely offices on North 33rd Street. And, as I recall, I came to the body and said, gosh, just don't do this, this is an important task, needs to be done, they tax themselves, this is their own money for their own purposes and the body chortled and went on its merry way. The point is that sacrifice was required and my motorcycle safety fund sacrificed. And now the scythe comes around and says it is time to sacrifice and there are those who are strong enough to say, oh, but not from us, this is a good public purpose. Well, you know, I thought that cash fund was a good public purpose as well. As a matter of fact, highway safety is something that Senator Morehead on other occasions will defend to the death or hopefully to the life. But in this situation the Appropriations Committee established the principle that sacrifice was required from many corners and that specified funds need to be lapsed for general fund obligations. Well, it is time for that principle to come home to roost and this is the situation and this is the time. It seems to me that there is no way to apportion this misery and leave others untouched, that, in fact, there has to be some measure of sacrifice from everyone and then more sacrifice from those best able to give. But we can't leave some people, in fact, absolutely untouched as this time goes by. And for that reason I will support the advancement of LB 2E.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, Senator Vard Johnson stated that this was not a tax increase, it was a tax shift. Senator Dave Landis, as you just heard, stated that it was