

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Does anyone else wish to speak to the bill? You've all heard the motion to advance LB 36...Mr. Clerk, you have an amendment to the bill?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Lynch would move to amend the bill. (See AM1119 on page 1209 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Madam President and members, I am sorry for the late reaction to this, but as I read the language, it occurred to me that what we are putting in the statute is a mandate for us to pay dues to a national association from whatever fund it might be, whether it is Cash Funds, General Funds, Revolving Funds, for whatever reason. I am not very comfortable with mandating that we have to spend, in this case, \$30,000 to belong to a national association from the Highway Trust Funds. I was kind of surprised that those people that feel the Highway Trust Funds are so sacred that this would be all right. If, in fact, you understand that and you think it is fine that we mandate in legislation that we pay dues to national associations, then I can see very much a need for to establish stability, in NCSL and other organizations, maybe the need to do the same thing. So what this simply does is strike the language in Section 9 on page 23, line 6, and in line 11 after 66-819. I think it is all right if it were permissive, but to mandate that it be paid I think is, in fact, as they say, bad policy. Talk to anybody, haven't asked for any support, and I apologize to those people that are promoting and supporting this legislation, which I generally and have supported in the past. It is one of those examples where, if I had read it, I might have thought about it again, but I think it should come out, and I would ask, if you want to comment, fine. If not to comment and you think it is fine to mandate paying dues in statutes, then support it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. I will now recognize Senator Coordsen, followed by Senators Wehrbein and Moore. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. A question of Senator Wehrbein, please. Senator Wehrbein, in the process of putting this bill together, could you share with us the rationale for this particular section because it is something that we rarely do is give finite