

counties was perfectly appropriate, that the motorists would not be significantly and adversely affected by this increase and that the good of the increase and the receipts therefrom far outweighed the negatives in the existence of a gas tax increase. With that, I would ask you to support LB 112.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, in order to clear the record, we did have Senator Haberman's motion pending and was there anybody in the body who was authorized by Senator Haberman to take up that motion? If so, speak up at this time. Otherwise, it is my intention to pass over the motion and I consider this discussion to be on the main body of the bill. Okay, we are on the main body of the bill and, Senator Hartnett, you are next.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the Chamber, I rise to support this bill because I think we have been frozen, I guess, the cities and the counties have been frozen with the amount of money that they can collect, and as the material was prepared by my staff and Ron Withem's staff says that money going into the county and cities has gone down simply because the usage has gone down as we get more efficient cars. Also, I think most of us, if you're like myself, are not aware of the gas tax that we pay. We simply pay...look at the price and so I think that at this time is a good time to pass it on because I think for now and the future we will have low gasoline prices. Also in our situation in Sarpy County, we have a situation where we have many of our people that reside in Sarpy County, we have over 9,000 cars that are not registered in the State of Nebraska, and I think this simply makes them have to pay for the roads and streets of Sarpy County and also for the State of Nebraska. So I rise to support this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: (No response.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, there are no further lights on. Senator Withem or Senator Hartnett, who would be closing? Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, I merely close by moving the bill. I would appreciate your support for advancement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, the motion before the body is the