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the initial receipts then could be used as highway... for highway programs. I'm particularly concerned about the state. When we had the hearing on the highway departments on their appropriation request it was indicated that the twenty year program that was started in 1969, which is now in its tenth year, still has twenty years to go. In other words the problems of inflation and the somewhat reduction and probable reduction in revenue receipts from gasoline at least during this coming year are such that I think it's essential that these funds be made available for highway construction until such time as they are required for the provisions of LB 571. To my knowledge there is no one opposing who has had an interest in the bill. I realize that there probably is a mixture of people who are supporting 571, some supporting it because of its contribution for the development of gasohol plants, some supporting it because of its potential contribution for highway construction, and it seems to me that with this amendment both goals are adequately met and should assist in the use of these funds as well as the purpose for which the bill was introduced in the first place. So I would request that the bill be returned and the amendment be adopted, and I assume, Mr. Speaker, that in offering this amendment I do it with as much assurance as possible that the bill will be reported back properly engrossed within the necessary time. So with those comments, Mr. President, I move that the bill be returned.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell. Senator Newell. There he comes. Senator Newell calls the question. Do I see five hands? I don't see any hands so I guess I'll....oh now I do. All of a sudden...all of a sudden I see five hands. All right, all those in favor then of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Warner do you have any further close? Let me remind the body that I believe you are still under Call, so would everybody please keep that in mind and return to your desks. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, in closing I would only comment that Senator Schmit has indicated he concurs with the amendment, and I so I would move that the bill be returned for its adoption.