

to the wholesale price, inserts in lieu of that, the price that the state pays for bulk purchases. It also strikes out any reference that was previously tied to shrinkage that was in the bill originally and the bill would retain the identical same reductions. All aspects of shrinkage and collection fees would be the same as they are now in existing law. It would make no change whatsoever if this amendment is adopted. So I move for the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the Warner amendment to the committee amendment to LB 722. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to speak to that? Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Warner a question if I may. Senator Warner, as you recall some of the testimony at the hearing and since the hearing, there has been some discussion as to the benefits that might be derived by the cities and counties from the fund. I do not see any provision here and as I understand this would, the first year would not be beneficial to cities and counties. Is that assumption correct, at least not in the amendments that we have before us yet. Is that correct, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: That is correct, Senator Carsten. As you will recall, the procedure that is established by 722 does not lend itself to the same kind of approach to be used for local governments, city or county government, because the level of taxation is tied to the level of appropriations approved by this body and the Governor for the one year state road program and as I have indicated, while I have the mike, if this amendment can be adopted to the committee amendment, the committee amendment then adopted, then I will be willing to offer a Landis amendment that appears on page 1398 of the Journal which is different than the one that was adopted a little bit earlier and then I would hope that the bill could be advanced and see if we couldn't work out some kind of consensus within the Legislature that would be satisfactory to all interested involved as far as state and local government is concerned.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I think that our concerns has been expressed here on the floor today on LB 361 even as it relates to cities and counties and while I think this concept is certainly worth consideration, I think that we also have to be protective and supportive of some measure that we are not with a piece of legislation cutting