

of our transportation system than a flat registration fee because you could...a car that is driven five thousand miles a year pays the same registration as one that might be driven fifty thousand miles a year and so in that terms of equity, the principal source of taxation being on the fuel consumption is probably a more equitable way to go.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Warner, we have increased the sales tax and the sales tax and the price of the automobile is increased and it is generating quite a bit more money. It seems rather strange to me that we would let these others go by and not increase the tax on them. Surely they are obligated. We have given them I don't know how many hundreds of thousands of pounds to carry and I know good and well as Senator Haberman said, that the studs in my snow tires are not near as hard on the road as the eighty thousand pounds going up and down the road.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit. We are voting on the Warner amendment to the Carsten amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I guess my major problem with the entire proposal, and I support the concept, in fact, I would prefer I think at this point in time if we had a straight sales tax on gasoline across the board of about 11%, divide it out among everyone evenly the way we have in the past. I know that would make some of you catch your breath a bit but I think we would take care of some of these problems. Senator Warner, I heard a rather vague reference in your discussion with Senator Carsten relative to the idea that you would be willing to negotiate some kind of a division of the funds between the state, the cities and the counties. Can you give me just a little more detail on that? Could you explain to me how you might to propose to divide up these funds that we would raise under 722 so that the cities and the counties get their fair share? That is all we are interested in.

SENATOR WARNER: As soon as we arrive at what a fair share is, Senator Schmit, whatever that is, 722 does not address that issue directly if that was the indication of what I said.

SENATOR SCHMIT: No.

SENATOR WARNER: Then I would have to correct that. 722 again is, only pertains to the state road system. It only raises the amount of funds that are authorized by this