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LB 722

Legislature for appropriations for the one year road program, period. But I did say to, or at least what I intended to say in response to Senator Carsten, that I assume that if additional funding should be appropriately provided for local government, now as the Legislature I would assume that some kind of consensus could be worked out between the two bills. There is no way that I know of that you can piggy-back the provisions of 722 and make it applicable to local government unless you are going to set local government budgets and I am sure we would not want to do that and it would be inappropriate to do it. There are three mechanisms that comes to the top of my mind. One, 361 could, whatever tax it ends up with, cents per gallon, could be allocated directly to the cities and counties in some fashion. There is a possibility of making some adjustment in the allocation formula which would account for that. That could be done with or without an increase in the gas tax per gallon as it now is. I assume there may be other options. All I have indicated is that I would think that the consensus could be developed within the body between the two bills that one of which, only 361, could provide funding for local government. 722 in itself will not.

SENATOR SCHMIT: So what you are saying then, Senator, is that you would be willing to take a look at a redivision of the original money from the fifty-three and a third, twenty-three and a third, twenty-three and a third?

SENATOR WARNER: That is a possibility, Senator Schmit. It is something you don't just throw figures off the top of your head. One would have to make an allocation that would reflect some kind of appropriate dollar amount which would be the equivalent of but the funding for 722 would not enter into that, you understand.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well of course it enters into it indirectly, Senator, but...

SENATOR WARNER: Indirectly is correct but I mean directly.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I mean if we were going to take the funds from 722 and throw them into the local road program and directly I think we would have a direct effect upon the state plan.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have thirty seconds.

SENATOR WARNER: There is no mechanism...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well I am sure we could work out a mechanism if it had to be.