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SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have several amendments yet. Senator, first of all the one you had on 1483, you want to withdraw that. Is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

CLERK: Then, Mr. President, Senator Landis had amendments on 1397 that he wants to withdraw but Senator Warner wants to offer them as I understand.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes. Mr. President, what I am offering now is an amendment that is found on 1397 and 1398 of your Journal which is the original amendment that was offered by Senator Landis on 361 the other day. This is a much more restrictive one than was the one that you just adopted a little bit ago on 361. What this amendment says is that to the extent that we do not fully fund the request for the transportation mass transit currently with general fund money, the public transportation systems that are identified in Section 19-3909, that is only those operated by governmental subdivisions. Where we do not fully fund their requests that the difference then is made up out of the highway allocation fund not to exceed \$1,000,000 and while I have traditionally opposed the use of highway user revenue for purposes other than those on the actual maintenance and reconstruction construction of our highway system. This one I am willing to add and support it at this time because it is far less restrictive than the one that was previously adopted today on 361 and secondly, there is no reason, at least there is no need to borrow or to take funds from the allocation fund to fund this because the alternative would be to fully fund with general funds, this type of transportation which we have traditionally not fully funded but we have traditionally funded from general funds since the inception of the program. So with the understanding that this does provide full funding for those public transportation systems, insures it, but it does not dictate the source of funds and is far more restrictive than the one that we adopted on 361 which also permitted any nonprofit group to come under it. This would only pertain to the public transportation systems that are currently assisted with state funds. So I would move adoption of the amendment and Senator Landis agreed that I could borrow his amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Has the question been called for? Okay, do I see five hands? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't believe the question can be called from the floor, Mr. Speaker.

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