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SPEAKER MARVEL: I let Senator Maresh go a little longer because of some of the complaints on the fact that there wasn't enough discussion.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, that is very kind of you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to ask Senator Warner several questions if he will yield. How much money would this bring into the State Highway Department?

SENATOR WARNER: As I indicated to Senator Haberman a little bit ago, the original estimate would be in the vicinity of \$17,000,000 as the bill would initially start. It will obviously be refigured now with the adoption of the amendment before it gets to Select File which is the procedure we always follow but I would not imagine it would be significantly different. That is the first year estimate.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, I understand that the percentage figure would start out at 2%.

SENATOR WARNER: That is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: On what price? What wholesale price...?

SENATOR WARNER: The average price that the state pays for special fuel and diesel, special fuel and gasoline.

SENATOR HEFNER: And what is the price of that now?

SENATOR WARNER: The last figures I had was about ninety cents as I recall but let me look here.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, so that would make it 1.8 cents?

SENATOR WARNER: About ninety cents was what the bill originally said for a start up price...

SENATOR HEFNER: And that would make if 1.8 cents then?

SENATOR WARNER: It would on that basis, yes, sir.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, would this be in addition to the first bill that we just moved across?

SENATOR WARNER: That is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: So then that would be an increase of approximately 3.8 cents.