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SENATOR WARNER: The Board of Equalization sets the rate after we set the appropriation.

SENATOR KEYES: Today though we set the amount of tax on gasoline.

SENATOR WARNER: Now we set a tax and they spend whatever it raises.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, this way we will...

SENATOR WARNER: This way we will set the appropriation and then the tax will be adjusted to meet that appropriation in the same identical fashion that sales and income tax are adjusted.

SENATOR KEYES: Now I am understanding, this will mean that the Legislature will set the amount of money we want to for the roads. As I understood it, it was going to be the Highway Department, Highway Commission, that would set the amount of money that they thought we needed.

SENATOR WARNER: No, they would make a budget request just as they do now, as a matter of fact, and the Legislature approves that total budget. I am not talking about each road. We are talking about total dollars for appropriation.

SENATOR KEYES: Thank you. That has answered a lot of questions. I am still a little confused as to how I am going to do. I am caught with 70⁴ between them. It is like sitting on a hot stove and not knowing whether to move back or forward.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I would like to call the question, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? All those in favor of ceasing debate vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The motion is to cease debate. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I suggest that we have call in votes while we await a Call of the House followed by if necessary a roll call vote.