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SENATOR WARNER: Under my amendment, I am not sure I understand your question but I understand my amendment which is one cent per gallon equally divided between the counties and cities. The total revenue from that one cent would be allocated to the cities and the counties.

SENATOR MURPHY: And in achieving that, we are going to raise the tax three cents whereas they would get roughly that same income in the other bill with an increase of two cents.

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, the cities and the counties?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, that is correct but the state would not get...

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, fine.

SENATOR WARNER: ...anywhere near as much to make up the 46% of our roads that are deteriorated.

SENATOR MURPHY: I wanted to be sure I wasn't misunderstanding that. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle and then Senator Rumery.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, even though I wasn't too thrilled with this bill, I do support this part of it. I think that this is the only way we are going to keep our roads up in the counties and in the cities, and as I stated the other day in one of my newsletters, it is not going to do us much good to have the state roads in good shape if we can't get to them. So I certainly support this part of the bill and hope you will pass this amendment, because without this amendment, it really, and should we not pass 361 which I think is doubtful at the moment, I think it would be a terrible blow to the cities and counties not to get any help this year because they have certainly the same problems that the State Highway Department does so I would encourage you that if we are going to pass this bill let's put the extra cent on for the counties and the cities or we are certainly shortchanging them. So I hope you will support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, I wanted to ask Senator