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Reutzel a question or two and I see he is not...oh, there he is. Senator, have you ridden on the interstate highway across the State of Nebraska in recent months?

SENATOR REUTZEL: I think the last time was in interim study hearings.

SENATOR RUMERY: The driving lane of the interstate highway has gone to pieces in many areas. In fact I had the word from an engineer with the Highway Department that the road now is in about the shape they expected it to be in 1990. It is broken up in many places. Some of it has been repaired and they have done a pretty fair job on it but my point is to you that this is going to be an expensive proposition, and if we are going to dance, we have got to pay the fiddler and this is one of the cases where we just don't have any choice as I see it but to appropriate more money for it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Warner, if he'd yield.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner, do you yield?

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Warner, as I understand the bill now it is two percent on the wholesale cost or the cost that the State Highway Department pays for its gasoline, is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: It is two percent on the price the State of Nebraska pays for gasoline. It is not restricted to just what the purchases are by the Road Department.

SENATOR HEFNER: Oh, okay, and you are proposing now in this amendment to put one cent per gallon, is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: To be given to the cities and the counties.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, if a percentage of the price of the product is so good, why don't we give one percent to the counties and villages then instead of the one cent per gallon?

SENATOR WARNER: Because you see the mechanism for determining the percentage is based upon the appropriation that the Legislature sets. To do what you are suggesting for the whole concept, the Legislature would have to establish the