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appropriation for roads for each county and each city based upon the need and the review and, obviously, that is not a practical or desirable route to go.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, and then my other question is, at the present time, we are allocating 53 1/3% to the state highway system or to the State Highway Department. We are allocating 23 1/3 to counties and 23 1/3 to villages and cities. I believe if we only give them one cent increase that they will be on the short end because now they are just about getting half of it.

SENATOR WARNER: No, one cent distributed under this bill will allocate eight and a half million to the cities and counties. Under LB 361 with the two cents per gallon, they would be getting seven million nine hundred thousand. So in effect, this proposal will distribute six hundred thousand dollars more money to the cities and counties than would LB 361 as it now stands.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Warner. I believe that we should give the counties and villages a little more. I don't think that the one cent a gallon perhaps is enough and the reason I think we are on the short end of that is because we have a lot of county roads and a lot of county bridges that need replaced. I have a county in my legislative district that needs to replace, would you believe this, five hundred bridges over the next five years, and I don't know where they are going to get the money from. Also some of the streets in our villages and our cities are in real bad shape so I don't think we want to short them on this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol. Senator Cope, then...

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman,...

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel. Excuse me.

SENATOR NICHOL: Excuse me.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, you are first. I looked at the wrong line. Senator Haberman, then Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Haberman just spoke.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, he didn't.

SPEAKER MARVEL: No, that was Senator Hefner.