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fair share. Now if you can explain that to the satisfaction of this body that the counties are getting a fair share, maybe I would have another look at your amendment but I really don't think they are getting it.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, one more time, this amendment will provide more money as the thing now stands in 361 to the counties and to the cities.

SENATOR NICHOL: I understand that.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay.

SENATOR NICHOL: But if you divide it, because the reason they are getting more is because you are collecting more than two percent.

SENATOR WARNER: That is right.

SENATOR NICHOL: Why don't you leave it the way it is and let them have their fair share.

SENATOR WARNER: One more time, because the mechanism of 722 is based upon the level of appropriation for the state highway program.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, why don't you....

SENATOR WARNER: And there is no relationship and there is no way that you can relate that appropriation figure to local government.

SENATOR NICHOL: Then why don't you change the mechanism of 722 so that it can be done?

SENATOR WARNER: Oh, well, because 722 mechanism, the basic mechanism is one that is designed to be responsive to adjustments in consumption, reduction of consumption in gasoline and to be responsive to price which will also reflect collections so to account for inflation and this only does work for the state road system.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, Mr. Chairman, I guess I will have to get the amendment and make a copy of it so I can study it more so. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, do you wish to speak before we recess?