

I think that is the one that exists in there now. There are two of them that already exist. Those are drawn out of the fund. This dollar, the public transportation dollar, would be drawn out of the fund at that point. Actually the dollar...your dollars, the dollars from the one cent, will be untouched by this. Those are appropriated by the language of the Warner amendment, I think. All I can say is it would probably come out of...it comes out of the total fund, and you are creating a bunch of new revenues that you are throwing into that fund now. I can't tell you the dollar that comes out whether it is an old dollar or a new dollar, but if it does it probably...if I read the language right, it is more likely that it comes out of the 722 money than the 361 money. You can't identify clearly where that dollar is going to be. Let me also say that the Legislature can completely circumvent the need for any dollar coming out of the gas tax fund in the 722 language where it is simply fully funding the Nebraska Public Transportation fund out of the general fund. In a sense then the amount that is taken out of that fund we will determine through the appropriation process.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you. It is certainly confusing, isn't it? And I guess this is why I would have to oppose it because I don't really think we know what we are doing, and I don't see why we have to use gas tax dollars for the support of public transportation. I think that we need these gas tax dollars for new road construction, for street construction, and for bridge construction. And I believe, as I read it, it could go up to a million dollars, and I just think that this would be too much money to put into this particular fund. I would like to ask Senator Keyes a question. How do you interpret this, Senator Keyes?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Senator Hefner, I interpret it this way that there are so many federal funds that come in and all the buses across the state of Nebraska that are bought will be bought out of federal funds from the local areas, as I understand it. The other funds that operate the buses are fifty percent federal and fifty percent state, and we never have been able to use all the federal funds with mass transit just in Omaha and Lincoln. So it is my understanding, and this is LB 704 which was killed and then it was added to 361 and now it is being added to 722. It has had a rather rough journey, but I do believe that what I have told you is correct.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Keyes. One more point, I guess I would have to ask this body, why do we want