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go in the future it could go to any amount that the Legislature seen fit to appropriate. Is that right?

SENATOR WARNER: No, the amendment on the bill at the current moment was one that Senator Landis originally offered and it puts a ceiling on the amount of the funds, that one million dollars that could be utilized from highway user revenue to go to mass transit, but that amount is not touched unless we fail, a future Legislature or this Legislature fails to appropriate the full general fund amount.

SENATOR KEYES: I'll ask you later.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte. Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the bill, and one of my reasons is that as I understand it now, Senator Warner, LB 704 which was introduced by Senator Keyes which would provide a method of obtaining mass transit for rural areas is not in this bill, that Senator Landis tried to get that on. He did get the million dollars in there but the part of the bill which Senator Keyes introduced which would be of benefit to rural areas has been deleted from the bill or has not been added to the bill. Correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, I think you and I both voted against that, Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: I voted....I made a mistake there because I thought the million dollars was also hooked into it, but I found out later that Senator Landis had put the million dollars in it, split the thing apart so that the rural part of the amendment was separated and so it was not adopted so that we got the million dollars in there but we didn't get the part that affects the rural areas. So all we did, we have plenty of money available for mass transit in cities but we have no mechanism for getting additional money out into the.....have I been shut off.....rural areas. Okay, another objection I have to the bill is the fact that the sales tax approach is adopted for state highway construction, but I find it somewhat surprising that as far as counties and cities are concerned we will still have the cents per gallon. Senator Warner's amendment put in an extra penny per gallon for cities and counties, and I just can't understand why we need the sales tax approach for state road