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funding, but we are still going to have a flat cents per gallon funding for counties and cities. This just does not make sense to me. A third objection I do have is that it has been mentioned by Senator Cullan this morning the fact that the Legislature will not be setting the tax rate directly. I believe that this is the wrong way to go, that the Legislature should take that responsibility, be willing to shoulder that burden rather than having the State Board of Equalization set that rate. For those reasons I urge that the bill not be advanced.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Haberman, do you wish to speak for the bill?

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, sir, I wish to speak against the bill. Is that all right, Mr. President?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, sir. Yes, sir, you are recognized.

SENATOR HABERMAN. Thank you. Senator Warner...just so... hi Senator....what's his name from Omaha? Yes, as I understand it now, the 722 started out on raising the gas tax. Is that correct? It still does that.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Now we have tied in the mass transit also onto the bill. Is that correct?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, that was adopted on two different bills before, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I am talking about 722. That is now on this bill?

SENATOR WARNER: It is included in there now.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Are we still at the same...I call it three cents per gallon gas tax or did we raise that also now that we have attached this urban thing on?

SENATOR WARNER: We are at 2.8.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Unless the price of gas goes up and then that goes up too?

SENATOR WARNER: That would be correct.

SENATOR HABERMAN: But we have also tacked....