

that money go into the general fund so it would be spread over the whole state. So, for that reason, I oppose the Warner amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am going to support the amendment because I do think that our road funds need that money. I agree with Senator Nichol on the distribution of the road fund money. Some of the changes we made, I did not approve of. But our highways, our county roads and the county bridges need the money and I would prefer to see it stay in the highway funds.

PRESIDENT: Senator Miller.

SENATOR MILLER: This body should reject this amendment. It would, in fact, be a windfall and if the roads department needs more money which they might, they can come in and go through a hearing and through the process like everyone else does. This body should not be voting in windfalls at this time.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone else that wishes to speak on the Warner amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Warner, you may close.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, number one, Senator Nichol, the money goes to the cities and the counties, 46.6 percent of it which, obviously, covers the whole state. Certainly it is not a windfall nor should that term be used because it costs X amount of dollars for maintenance of roads and streets throughout the state and it is a question of whether or not you want to retain the dedicated user fee on sales tax for motor vehicles for roads or not and the option...the other alternative is that you increase the gas tax. Now, as a matter of fact, during the seventies about the only growth the fund had was from sales tax. It was a very steady growth that was about all that kept the roads in any kind of shape at all. It is very likely as conservation of fuel continues to be improved as far as the use, miles per gallon for more efficient cars that you are going to see either skyrocketing gas tax because of less use, or you have got to expand the source of revenue more equitably. Now I think