

which again is more money than has been put in Highway Trust Funds on the shrinkage allowance since 1937. With that I offer the committee amendment.

SENATOR LAMB PRESIDING

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Withem to address the committee amendments.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, I rise simply as the introducer of the bill to voice my support for the committee amendments. As Senator Johnson has told you they do represent a negotiated settlement with those individuals who traditionally oppose any change in the shrinkage allowance. This is a fairly nebulous topic in that it is difficult to find any concrete information proving exactly how much gasoline is lost. In the original bill we came in saying 50,000 gallons per month handled by any dealer would be exempt, and then after that we go to 1 percent. Senator Johnson has indicated to you the amendments place that exemption at 75,000 and then say 2 percent. The amendments do represent a meeting of the minds and an agreement, and for that reason I ask you to adopt the committee amendment.

SENATOR LAMB: Senator DeCamp, to address the committee amendment.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I am trying to understand this issue just a little better. I know it has been before the Legislature in recent years and I think this is the year maybe we should address it. I had even considered some amendments. At this time, all I am wanting to do is learn a little more. As I understand it, you are maintaining 50,000 gallons as the cutoff at which time you move from 3 percent to 1 percent, is that correct?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: (Microphone off) No, 75,000 is the cutoff at which time we move from 3 percent to 2 percent.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay, 75,000, do you have any statistical data as to what percent of the stations are over 75,000, number one, and, number two, let us assume that you have data but let us assume that you have an individual that has let's say three, four, or five stations, would they have the ability or is there bookkeeping ability to simply make sure