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but nonetheless want to call attention to the fact that we get locked into these situations and sometimes we can't do anything except to take what turns out to be a very expensive course and that is to pay the bill.

PRESIDENT: There is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend the bill and the amendment is on page 1727 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I may go on with the amendment but I need a little information from Senator Warner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner, will you be on hand to answer a question from Senator DeCamp?

SENATOR DECAMP: Senator Warner, if we do not...let me put it this way, if we maintain the bill the way it is, how much of an increase will there be in the gasoline tax in Nebraska from what it currently is?

SENATOR WARNER: Well, on this bill, Senator, 721 is a deficiency bill that affects the appropriation only through June 30th of 1985. I do not anticipate an increase now, but are you talking about next year's?

SENATOR DECAMP: Right.

SENATOR WARNER: 1985-86 fiscal year appropriation based upon the current level of appropriation recommended in LB 722, there would be on the variable tax an estimated 1.9 cent increase. That comes about for a number of reasons, one of which is that a year ago we started out with a beginning balance, the variable works that if it raises more money than they expect, why it still cannot be spent. So beginning this current fiscal year there was about a 4.5, \$4.4 million carry-over which funded part of the current year's increase but that increase...the consumption is going down. The receipts are such that this year we have to make up that beginning balance so that accounts for part of the increase. But to specifically answer your question, the net increase next year will be 1.9 cents as based on current estimates.