

city, every village, every county in the state. I don't think that is a good way to legislate. There are bills that came before the Government Committee wherein Lancaster County was trying to have fees raised by the sheriff for the sheriff serving various types of papers, but they couldn't establish that the costs that Lancaster County said they had were the costs that they had in every other county. But for Lancaster County to get more money, they had to raise the fees in every county even those where no fee increase was sought. And it was determined that the sheriff, in trying to get more money into his budget, was trying to raise these fees so he could say he had put money in the general fund of the county, therefore, the board should give him more money. What we are dealing with here by analogy is a similar situation in that one city wants some more money. Every city would like to get more money. So they are going to raise the tax on gasoline sold at any pump anywhere in the state and I wish you would stop at this point...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and rethink this situation and see if you don't agree with me that Bellevue does have means at its disposal other than saying a tax placed on every person buying gasoline in the state for dealing with a problem it foresees that it has. I can't support the advancement of this bill either.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I think there is...really when we are thinking about taxes, gas tax, this tax, I think we have two ways that we can do it, on users, and that is what the gasoline tax in this state I think historically has been, on the users, and so that is why we have had, to keep up our roads, and maintain our roads, we have used gasoline tax. So what we are simply saying here, this bill is simply dedicating one cent, there is one cent right now for the county and the city roads. And many times for the counties, as far as their county budget can be from 25, 35, up to 50 percent of their total budget is for roads. And so I think our basic question is do we have it as a property tax or we do it as roads but historically in Nebraska we have used the gasoline tax. And there is other means that have been used by other states but we simply use simply a cent on the gasoline tax and that is