

for it. Let me also tell you that it is costing more and more every year to put down a mile of paving, to repair, and to overlay with asphaltic concrete, a mile of that. The revenue that is coming into the cities and counties has been decreasing and there is a reason for it. Our manufacturers of vehicles today have found ways to preserve and save on gasoline. Consequently, cars are getting more miles per gallon and you and I are buying less gasoline than we used to. This all has a bearing, this all has a bearing on the amount of revenue that is coming into the cities and counties, and it is very essential that we have this for the cities and counties. The State Highway Department, the State Roads Department have the variable tax and it all goes to them, to the State of Nebraska. The cities and counties do not share in that fund. So it is very necessary that you vote this money for the cities and counties of our state. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Nelson, please.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I also support this bill. My own city, Grand Island, expressed to me that this bill was probably one of the most important bills that we could pass this year and, again, I am kind of one for paying for the streets and roads and the bridges that have to be replaced as need be, and to me this is a users tax and let the person that uses the highway help pay for them and not take it out of the property tax. And my city certainly does support this bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Do you have a motion, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Haberman would move to bracket the bill until January 15, 1986.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Lundy, would you answer a couple of questions.

SENATOR LUNDY: I would certainly try to, Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Thank you. I am pleased that you changed the terminology from slush fund to reserve fund. Thank you very much for doing that. I don't think there is too much difference, but did the Appropriations Committee vote to