

raise the gas tax?

SENATOR LUNDY: I beg your pardon.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Did they vote to raise the sales tax on gas for this year?

SENATOR LUNDY: The Appropriations Committee?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Yes.

SENATOR LUNDY: No, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How much?

SENATOR LUNDY: No, sir.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Oh, they didn't.

SENATOR LUNDY: Well, not on this one, on this bill.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Did the Appropriations Committee vote to raise the tax on gas in the appropriations bills?

SENATOR LUNDY: Senator Haberman, there was a bill that provided for funding at the state level of some improvements needed by the State of Nebraska, and in authorizing those appropriations, it automatically increases the tax at the state level for the Highway Department, for the Roads Department, not cities and counties.

SENATOR HABERMAN: How much did you...how much is that increase?

SENATOR LUNDY: Well, that increase is...based upon today's economic conditions, it would amount to 1.4 cents per gallon.

SENATOR HABERMAN: And you voted for that?

SENATOR LUNDY: I did vote for that. Yes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Okay, thank you very much. All right, so a penny here and 1.3 there is a 2.3 percent increase in the gas tax for this year. Now that is not counting what would happen if and when the variable gas tax triggers into place.