

So I would like to see that this body wait until next year to see just exactly what happens to the budget this year before we go voting in any more gas tax increases. We are getting the cart before the horse. If we vote this one in and you pass the bill, then along comes the Appropriations Committee and they are going to say all those state highways are going to go to pot. We are not going to be able to drive back and forth to the Legislature, and they are just going to scream and holler and convince you that they need their increase. So why don't we wait, and if we buy the Appropriations Committee increase of 1.3 which is just the beginning, believe me, because the variable gas tax is going to trip in before too soon, and then next January come back and see what the economy is and see what is going on, and then if the cities and the counties still need this money so desperately as they say they do, we can take care of it at that time. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, do you wish to speak to this?

SENATOR LUNDY: Senator Haberman, I should correct one thing that you said, Mr. Speaker, and members of the body. You asked a question relative to the State Highway Department's appropriation bill and I answered it as best I could but I guess I didn't make it clear to you. With the appropriations bill that was approved by the Appropriations Committee for the Highway Department, it would automatically kick in the variable tax for the Highway Department, for the Department of Roads, not for cities and counties and it amounts to 1.4 percent, 1.4 cents per gallon, 1.4 cents per gallon would become effective July the 1st, 1985 if this body approves the appropriations bills. That is separate and distinct from the cities and counties, separate and distinct from LB 112 which is being discussed now. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hartnett, would you like to speak.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, thank you. The question is, shall debate cease? Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting to cease debate. If you care to, please do so so that we can wind this up shortly. I understand