

so, to charge it to the people who use it with particular fees. I don't think there is any doubt but that the state patrol is a cost to the highway system and it ought to be paid for out of the gas taxes. Now Senator Warner has not particularly arguing that case and I don't think he could argue that case. What he is arguing is we shouldn't cut down on construction. Well, Senator Warner has an alternative here today. If this amendment passes he can propose another amendment to increase the variable gas tax in the overall Department of Roads budget and we can do the same construction that he proposed. We can do it. That's not what is at issue here. That is not at issue. Today, this afternoon, we can remedy that situation. The question is accountability. The question is identifying cost to the users and functions to the users. It is a principle of government that by and large in every other area Senator Warner has endorsed as a principle of good government. Now that's how I would argue the case on the facts of the matter. In this particular time, at this particular moment it is important to make that change for an additional reason and that additional reason is that the Appropriations Committee is heading us straight for a tax increase. It's heading us straight for a tax increase, a sales and/or income tax increase. Now we are piddling around with a lot of amendments here today. There are dozens and dozens of them as we have experienced already and as we will continue to experience. But there are only going to be four major propositions before you, four major propositions and these propositions are going to make all the difference. And you ought to start thinking about the sequence of events and where you are and what your philosophy is. If your position is that you do not want to have a tax increase this year, then let's talk about these four propositions and what you have to do. Proposition number one is the Appropriations Committee \$10 million cut. My general feeling is that that cut is going to be supported by a majority in this body. If you support that cut with the revenue bills that have been passed and with the current situation, you will have a reserve left over of probably 2 percent. Obviously then just making the Appropriations Committee cut and nothing else, you've got a tax increase. There is no doubt about it. Senator Warner wouldn't argue it and nobody is going to argue it. Okay. If you still want a tax cut, you can do one of three things then in addition to voting for the Appropriations Committee amendment. You can vote for Senator DeCamp's across the board cuts in one of their