

this amendment is a bargain for roads. Slow down the use of buses, you make the buses unattractive because their cost goes up. People get back into single passenger cars, you have got yourself 40 cars on the street, not one bus. There is a perfect rationale why it is cost effective for roads, it is cost effective on the basis of energy conservation, to promote mass transit. And, that is why I support this amendment. This formula that is currently used differentiates between the kinds of systems that are out there and the money that is left, which is in the mass or rather the gas tax fund, that million dollars, with these losses I would envision some rethinking being done on that money and that will assuredly mean a transfer of money from rural systems to urban systems if we have to make all of those systems compete against each other and their needs for that one million dollars in the gas tax fund. This 1.8 million, I think means that roads will not have an excessive burden, that mass transportation which is used by the elderly, used by the infirm, used by the young will remain a vital network and for that reason I support the general good that will be secured by the maintenance of state promotion of mass transportation. I support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner. Senator Labedz is next.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body. I oppose this amendment. I oppose bringing this bill back to adopt another amendment and that is reinstating 1.8 million dollars for mass transportation. Most of this money would go to our larger cities in Nebraska and, Mr. President, I would like to ask a question of yours. Mr. President, I would like a ruling from the Chair. Is this...is 722 on our agenda?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR HEFNER: Whereabout is that?

PRESIDENT: On the front page, first one under nine, Select File.

SENATOR HEFNER: I believe that is on Select File though and this is on Final Reading.

PRESIDENT: Well, the Speaker has set this for determination now. That is all that I know.