

chance for a partial makeup of the loss of anticipated revenue that Senator Withem's bill was to provide for local governments. It won't even make it. At best they'll probably get about 570 or 600 thousand when their actual receipts, for each, is 865,000 less. So there is not an argument about need. It is not an argument about maintenance. It is not a windfall. We do not override the cities today. From my own point of view at least part of the justification for not doing that was that they would also share with some increased revenue for their roads as a result of this amendment. So I would urge that you adopt the amendment as it is, that you allow local governments to get...they won't even break even, but about the amount of money that they had the year before, even after the gas tax was raised. The need that Senator Withem thought existed a year ago to increase the gas tax cannot be met because the receipts aren't there. Consumption is down. If the need was for that many dollars a year ago, the need is still there today. But the need isn't being met because consumption is down. This is one chance to provide the very funds that Senator Withem's bill was intended to do but is not accomplishing because of reduced...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: I'd urge the adoption of the amendment. On the funding side for the General Fund budget with the proper amendments to 870 there is adequate funds to cover, not only what we've done today, but a little room besides, and to maintain a 4 percent reserve.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, please.

SENATOR DECAMP: Question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lundy, please.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. Speaker, I believe I'll call the question.

SPEAKER NICHOL: 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, please. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Debate is ceased. Senator Warner, would you like to close on your motion, please.