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of almost a hundred dollars apiece. We all know the price of gasoline. Well, we don't know it because it has gone up today. We know the general area and in particular in some of those districts that have an expanded transportation program, that is a high cost item. Even in Gretna, Nebraska, in Sarpy County about 8% of their budget is designated for transportation cost and for fuel cost. I am opposed to making this bill anything other than a straightforward bill. I think we can't take unemployment comp out. We can't take Social Security out. We can't take all those things out but I think it is important, it is important for us to note that probably the biggest cause of inflation in the country today is the cost of utilities and fuel. I went back just for the fun of it and looked at some of my old credit card receipts of ten years ago and the price of gasoline. You can't even talk about that and you know when people said we are going to have a dollar a gallon gasoline four or five years ago I laughed at them. That is no laughing matter now, Senator Schmit. That is no laughing matter. Those buses still have to be filled up. You still have to drive them. You can't say we are only going to allocate so many dollars for gasoline and that is it. Now if you don't want to do this I have got another proposal, Mr. Chairman, that we line item by expenditure the seven or eight major areas that subdivisions deal with and put an absolute 7% limitation on those line items so that when you run out of fuel, when you run out of utility, you say we can only spend 7% and that is it. That money for utilities, that money for fuel has got to come from somewhere. It has got to come from somewhere and it is not going to get better. It is going to get worse. Now we can set up here. None of us are going to be in any school this year and we can pontificate and say this is how it ought to be...

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: ...None of us are going to be involved in snow removal in the cities or the counties and we can pontificate that but those snowplows must have gasoline, those facilities must be heated and those costs must be paid. Unfortunately those are the first line costs. You have got to have the kids in school and to get them there you have got to have the transportation. You have got to run the snowplows and you have to take away from other services to do this. I think Senator Keyes has a reasonable amendment here and I rise to support it.