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row here of lights and we are going to have to start settling this problem pretty soon or we are not even going to get through with the gas tax situation today. Senator Warner, your light is on. Do you wish to speak to the Landis amendment to the Schmit amendment?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, I recognize you.

SENATOR WARNER: I would like to ask Senator Landis a question first. Senator Landis, this is a different amendment as I read at least, a different amendment than you offered the other day.

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, it is.

SENATOR WARNER: And who in addition is included now that was not included the other day?

SENATOR LANDIS: The language that I have adopted is part of this amendment comes from LB 704. This permits community action programs to be the delegatee of authorities for counties and cities and the like to operate essentially rural transportation systems such as handibuses, senior buses and the like. The difficulty has been that in the past the Nebraska public transportation fund has only been allowed to operate for political subdivisions and by that definition then certain kinds of rural systems have not qualified. This would mean that they could qualify to apply for these kinds of funds.

SENATOR WARNER: Thank you. I would rise to oppose the amendment. I can see some justification perhaps for the amendment as it was offered the other day which is a much more limited aspect but to significantly expand the reimbursement as proposed by this amendment, I rather suspect will take substantially more than the amount that even the ceiling has which is \$1,000,000 from the allocation fund which of course comes off of everybody's total and I think that broadening the funds provided to include the provisions of 704, LB 704 as well as the expansion of the customary transportation that is assisted in our general appropriation bill would be an unfortunate mistake. I have no idea what the cost would be but we know that the cost without the community action programs was 2.3 million which we had to appropriate almost a million, nine, a million, eight hundred and some odd thousand, at least four hundred thousand more to be used from gas money and what additional amount, I have no idea but without knowing