

that, I think it would be a mistake to expand reimbursement for bussing out of highway user revenue with an unknown future obligation that the state may well incur. So I urge the body not to support the amendment as offered by Senator Landis. If you are going to do anything I think the amendment that appears on page 1398 of the Journal may be...it certainly is much more defensible than what is proposed here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner and then Senator Cope.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I oppose the Landis amendment. I think the money that we raise from this gas tax should be used for building new roads, should be used for the upkeep of the roads and bridges and therefore, I would oppose it. Senator Landis, I think you have a good idea here but I would say let's fund it by a different source. Let's have a bill, take it to the Appropriations Committee and appropriate this money from the general fund. Then we could keep our fingers on it, on the cost of it each year. Therefore, I would urge you to oppose the Landis amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon. Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Mr. President, I was going to call the question until I heard Senator Hefner's remarks and I would like to ask Senator Hefner one question. Senator Hefner, last year when we earmarked some gas tax money as a bonding requirement for gaschol, were you involved in that process?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, I think I was.

SENATOR LEWIS: You voted for it?

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR LEWIS: That is interesting. Thank you very much. Mr. President, I think the time has come for us to be straightforward in terms of our demands for energy and energy conservation. We have an energy bill coming up soon, parts of one I understand, but the most important part of energy that we can do now and I appreciate Senator Kahle's remarks, is that we are going to have to get our heads out of the sand and if you do not have fuel it doesn't make any difference the quality of the roads. If you are riding a jackass the potholes are not very important or if you've got wind power, the potholes are not very important. Until somebody comes