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transportation funds. That is the purpose of the amendment, and I think it is a more equitable situation than we have now, and I support the measure. I am hoping that those of you who care about a more consistent and broader scope for the Nebraska Public Transportation System will support the amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are speaking to the Landis amendment to LB 722. The Chair recognizes Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, briefly, I would rise to oppose Senator Landis' amendment. We did adopt his one amendment onto 722 which does provide in the event that we could not appropriate general fund money, adequate general fund money, we do permit up to one million dollars to be transferred from Highway Usury Revenue for the publicly operated mass transit. It seems to me that that perhaps is an adequate step to take at this time. I think this amendment further broadens that concept to pick up a variety of nonprofit corporations also that perhaps provides transportation but rather than broaden the concept of 722 it would seem to me that the issue ought to be dealt with maybe on an individual basis, which it certainly could be within LB 631 where it currently exists. So I would suggest that it is not necessary to add this amendment to LB 722. There is other adequate approaches to use in place of putting the amendment here.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, and then Senator Murphy.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, I have several questions of Senator Landis.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Landis, do you yield?

SENATOR LANDIS: Yes, I do.

SENATOR HEFNER: What particular fund would this come out of? Would this come out of the two percent that goes to the State Highway Department, or would it come out of the one cent per gallon that we just passed...the amendment that we just passed?

SENATOR LANDIS: It comes out of the total gas tax fund. The gas tax fund, however, is distributed in a variety of ways. You can't pinpoint a dollar that comes in. What you do is you have a total fund, okay, and from that fund then are to be made certain withdrawals and the withdrawals are for the exemptions that currently exist for railroad crossings.