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believe it is very important that we do suspend the rules and bring this LB 58 into LB 361. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Reutzel. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, the question before the House is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 2 nays, to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate is ceased. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: You heard the arguments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The first motion is the suspension of the rules. All those in favor of suspending the rules as per Senator DeCamp's discussion vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: There ain't enough.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record the vote.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 19 nays, Mr. President, on the rule suspension.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion lost. What is the next item?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Maresh moves to amend LB 361 by increasing the gas tax by three cents to thirteen and a half cents.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think this bill still has some strength as a gas tax increase bill and to be competitive with LB 722 I think we need to increase this by one cent to a total of three cents. I move that this amendment be adopted to go along with the old formula, fifty-three and a third percent for the state, twenty-three and a third percent for the counties and twenty-three and a third percent for the cities. So I move this amendment be adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, I am not going to take hardly any time because we argued this before but I think the bill we passed the other day is a joke. I think the people are really confused when we have three different levels of tax on a gallon of gas. So I am going to support Senator