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Maresh on three cents on 361 out in the open where people know exactly when they drive past the pump exactly what they are paying for state tax and divide it the way it has been divided and go with that. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: I would like to call the question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Shall debate cease is the motion before the House. Those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Debate has ceased. Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker, this is back to the original formula, the present 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 for a total of about a \$30 million increase over the present revenue and I think to be equal with the other bill that generates about the same amount I think we need to get this one cent increase and get this bill passed instead of the other bill. I prefer it to this one. As Senator Kahle said, 722 is a hidden tax and this is out in the open. It will be on the pump. I think this is what the people want and I would like to yield part of my closing to Senator Hefner and Senator Cullan. They are supporters of this bill, too.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. Speaker, can I use a little of Senator Maresh's time. Thank you. Members of the body, what this bill would do is raise the gasoline and special fuels taxes three cents a gallon, from ten and a half to thirteen and a half. I think this is the right way to go and the reason I feel this way is because the other bill that we moved, 722, is a monstrosity. It is going to be hard to implement. It is going to be more of a workload for the gasoline distributors here in Nebraska. This bill divides it the way I feel is proper. It gives some to the counties and villages. It gives some to the state. The state would stand to raise approximately fifteen to sixteen million dollars more. The counties would stand to benefit approximately, counties and villages, approximately fourteen million.