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LB 360

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Alright, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment would be... Senator DeCamp, this amendment is an alternative to the one that you started to discuss. Senator Schmit on the bill, the body will perhaps recall, on General File offered an amendment that would have completely exempted alcohol from any tax whatsoever for road use, gas tax, fuel tax which I would object to eliminating it in its entirety and what the amendment that I have offered does is gives the pure alcohol the same tax preference of five cents that gasohol enjoys as opposed to exemption from the full fuel tax. I think it was pointed out that there is relatively little loss in revenue at the current time. One letter I saw had approximately a thousand dollar reduction and that obviously is insignificant but ~~what is~~ significant is precedent and I do not think that it is appropriate that any fuel that is used on the roads should be totally exempt from any contribution to the road that that vehicle travels on by a total exemption of its fuel. And so the amendment that I have proposed is the same five cents for straight alcohol that gasohol enjoys so I would move its adoption. Now if you prefer to exempt it in total, then you should not support this and I assume support the amendment that apparently Senator DeCamp is going to offer instead. Is that right, John?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any further discussion? Senator Kilgarin, do you want to move adoption of the E & R amendments.

SENATOR KILGARIN: I move we adopt the E & R amendments to LB 360.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All in favor of that motion say aye, opposed no. The motion is carried. The E & R amendments are adopted. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, I renew my motion for the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Hefner, do you wish to speak to the Warner amendment?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, if I understand it correctly Senator Warner's amendment puts back on the tax on gasohol. Is this correct, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: No, no. The amendment that Senator Schmit offered the other day would have totally exempt pure alcohol from any fuel tax and I objected to it. What I am offering