

of November. The only thing that is needed to implement that plan will be funding of the proposal, and that will become a part of the issue when we get to the appropriation bill, because the level of funding will determine whether or not that accelerated program will be addressed and at what level.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay.

SENATOR WARNER: The hearing for the Department of Roads has been held, but obviously we haven't come to any conclusion.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, so that plan will come in what the Appropriations Committee will recommend funding of none, all, or a portion of that plan in its appropriations recommendation. And the body will either accept or reject that, and based on what level we accept or reject the variable gas tax will be adjusted to fund whatever level of spending is recommended in the appropriation bill? Is that roughly how it will work, Senator Warner?

SENATOR WARNER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR WITHEM: Okay, thank you very much, I appreciate that.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, please.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, I simply signed onto this resolution with Senator Warner when Senator Warner brought it to me. Since I've been in the Legislature I've had a high interest in roads and completing interstates and other roads in this state, and I think the key point, I think Senator Warner explained it, is that the \$15 billion, we talk in here in million dollars, the federal government talks in billions of dollars for transportation purposes. And we urge our congressional delegation to work towards that removal so that we can get the money back to the states to be used for roads at the present time. So I rise to support this resolution and strongly urge that we pass this resolution on to our congressional delegation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Lynch, please, followed by Senator Schmit.

SENATOR LYNCH: Yes, Mr...I had a question of Senator Warner, too, if I could.