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SENATOR HEFNER: No, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You are in the oil business though.

SENATOR HEFNER: I am an oil...petroleum distributor.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. And you had indicated that taxes raised from fuels and gasoline and so forth should be utilized for the purpose of keeping up the roads, the highway system and things pertaining to transportation.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you feel that way because the taxes are coming from the people who make use of those facilities.

SENATOR HEFNER: Plus we also have a strong need for it...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but you think...

SENATOR HEFNER: ...because our highways are deteriorating faster than what we're keeping them up, and same with our bridges. In the last report I got on the bridges there are thousands and thousands of bridges that are about ready to collapse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you see a direct connection between the source of the taxes and the purpose for which the taxes should be used, and that connection should be maintained by not diverting these taxes to another purpose.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Basically.

SENATOR HEFNER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Hefner. I think Senator Hefner stated a very sound political position, fiscal position and philosophical position. There should be a logical relationship between things that are going to be considered together. There is another issue that is going to come before us that touches on this to some extent, because we're going to