

waste and waste water treatment and so on. It's pretty hard to have a community activity to get people to kick in for that. And I think it would be good policy to make this truly an infrastructure bill and so I'm suggesting that this amendment is coming. It may address one of the issues that I think Senator Schmit was trying to raise in his question when he asked Senator Schellpeper what cities would use this the most for. And so I will file the amendment and bring that up again on Select. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Warner, would you care to discuss the amendment further?

SENATOR WARNER: Actually, not the amendment but the thought occurred to me that in answering Senator Schmit's questions I should have also pointed...I was speaking from what I think is a practical impact of a commitment. The bill, as necessary, does indicate that there is not a commitment on the state to do it, to meet...technically meet with constitutional requirements and it does require an appropriation each year which, obviously, some Legislature in the future could choose, I suppose, not to do that. It's the same provisions and same concept that is used when the state has utilized this mechanism for...for commitment to the issuance of bonds and, of course, they wouldn't have to issue bonds, they could just...the small towns, the two, three hundred dollars they get each year could be used for street improvements and expansion of their sewer systems and those other costly infrastructure items, but they wouldn't necessarily have to issue bonds. So I just want to make it clear that there is not an absolute binding constitutional impact for the Legislature to make the appropriation. As a practical matter, I would suspect, however, that we would do that because to do otherwise would impair the credit rating of those communities that there could...as well as the state, for failure not to provide funds which the bondholders would have every reason to believe was the intent of the Legislature even though the technically constitutional permission would not mandate us to do so.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Call the question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Shall debate cease? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate