

dominant pavement of which has not been resurfaced for 30 years or more, as indicated by the most recent highway study needs. Such improvement or resurfacing shall be completed not later than July 1, 1996. It says that by 1996 Highway 61 should be fixed up. I believe I have the support to show why it should. The testimony is there, the school buses, combines and the whole ball of wax and we're going to kill somebody. So all the amendment does is say that by 1996 highways that have not been resurfaced for more than 30 years should be fixed. So what I'm trying to say is if we raise the gas tax, that's fine. I want to prioritize where some of that money is going to go. And by 1996 some of it should go for Highway 61. Now it may not mean too much to the rest of the body but it's very, very important to those people that use Highway 61. So, as I say, I'm not asking for any more money. I'm not taking out or putting in money, all I'm saying it's the intent of the Legislature to repair this highway and all highways that are 30 years or older first by 1996. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Haberman. Senator Warner, Senator Moore, next.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would rise to oppose the amendment. As I understood Senator Haberman, he described a portion of Highway 61 as needing improvements. As I understand the amendment, as I read it, and perhaps, Senator Haberman, correct me if I'm wrong, but, obviously, it does not limit itself to Highway 61 but all roads that would fit the criteria which, as I understand it, has not been resurfaced for 30 years. My understanding is that that includes a great many more roads in the state system. It could be something in excess of 500 miles of roads that may fit that capacity, generally very low volume traffic roads. Now they, obviously, are all scheduled during the extended highway program to be brought up to the...to the new standards in time and some portion of Highway 61, specifically, would be covered and approved along that line as well. My problem with the amendment is another important aspect of the highway plan was that resurfacing will be done in conjunction with geometric needs that are also...may be in need of improvement, that is you would not go in and resurface a road and then come back in five years and do geometric needs because that would be very expensive. Or if you resurface a road, you're not going to do the geometric needs for another five years but the concept is that both are