

on the criteria, for new highways? Is that what the money is going to be used for? Is that why we're raising all this extra money?

SENATOR WARNER: No, well, under the...under that priority system that you looked at, it's a combination of the condition of the road, whether it needs resurfacing, if there are geometric needs, traffic counts, all those items are in there and it would be incorrect to say that it's all new...new roads, as I understand your definition, because that would not be the case in most instances. The bulk of the money, as a matter of fact, by far in the total highway program goes for the improve...both the improvement of existing roads, of resurfacing and geometric needs which are safety factors of existing roads. That's the largest single item in the whole program as it was proposed.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I guess, Senator...thank you, Senator Warner. What I am trying to say, folks, is according to the condition of the highway, according to the criteria of the highway, this is the worst highway in District 6 and according to the rankings of the Highway Department study that this body said they should do, this ranks up at the top in District 6. So I cannot seem to get a straight answer as to what we're going to spend the extra money for...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...but I will tell you this, when I go home, they say to me, you're raising the gas tax. Well, if you're raising the gas tax, when are you going to fix some of our roads? Now, I know that that doesn't happen basically maybe around Lincoln because every road I go on around here is all paved, it's got shoulders. It's beautiful. They have the traffic count. I will agree with you they have the traffic count. But the lives of the people on the little highways in western Nebraska, their lives mean just as much to them, maybe it means more, where there are more people and have a big traffic count. So I'm going to run with my amendment, Mr. President. It merely says that by 1996 every highway that's 34 years or older shall be repaired. And I don't know whether there's 500 miles or 1,500 miles, I really don't care. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. And the question is the adoption