

that vicinity at least.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, Senator, I mean, as you answered that, obviously, I understand that it is over the whole year. But my concern is that if you have to decrease, by 10 to 12 million dollars, in the last few months, I might...I guess I'll ask in a different man...I'll ask my question in a different manner and let you say why I'm wrong, I'll try it that way. I mean my concern is the gas tax rate would have to decrease significantly for the last two months to fit the \$210 million appropriation for 1991, down below, I don't know, whatever, whatever the tax rate would need to be, possibly 16, 17 cents. And then the gas tax rate would have to go up again July 1 to match the \$230 million dollar appropriation request that is there. I mean, you tell me...if you would please tell me why I have no reason...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR MOORE: ...to be concerned that's going to happen, that that rate will stay more constant and not yo-yo up and down.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Moore, the...let me say, first, if there is a problem that I'm not aware of, obviously I'm willing to pull the bill back again, if that's necessary. Everything that I have seen gives no indication that that issue that you raised is potentially a likely problem that will be created. That's about the only answer I have. I have seen calculations a number of times, but it's been a month ago, a month and a half ago.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, do you have an idea what the gas tax rate is going to be for the next year?

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: My understanding is 22.1 will be the rate most likely to be set April 1.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. I'll now recognize Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the body, I wasn't going to talk on this. But, I think what Senator Warner is offering here is probably okay. I'm in the petroleum