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I thought it might be of interest to you that the cities and towns and counties are needing more money for roads, this will help them to the tune of \$466,000 across the state. So it...they gain there. The variable tax now will go to support...up to .1 cent, to support the public transportation assistance across the state. And...but it will be paid for in a different form. It has the effect of saving \$524,000 out of the General Fund, so over \$500,000 will be saved from the General Fund by doing this, and we have transportation raised, dollars, i.e., gas tax, will go back for transportation issues. And that's all I'd have. If Senator Kruse wants some of my time, he can have the rest of it, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kruse, about one minute.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Just underlining what has been said. LB 1144 will give back Roads \$500,000, it will give back cities and counties \$500,000 dollars, it will give back the General Fund \$500,000, and move it over to the Highway Cash Fund, which will then be funded by the variable tax. The big advantage that I see that I would add to this is that it gives us a way to deal with this question in the future. We need to talk about public transportation. We need to set policy. Roads is our partner in that, and I think we can proceed to do it that way.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Maxwell, followed by Senator Kruse.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Chambers, would you...actually, you can stay right there, Senator. Maybe...let me just run through the sequence. I'm just trying to get a sense of where we are, and maybe you can just nod yes for me. If this procedurally unfolds as you hope, you would withdraw your bracket motion, we vote on your amendment, AM3216, adopt it, and then come in with this motion to...maybe I better visit with you then, because maybe I don't understand.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, did you...would you respond?