

FUEL TAX

Fuel Tax Increase signed by the Governor July 12, 1974, Act 161.

Throughout this session of the General Assembly the problem of highway safety and the welfare of our motorists driving on roads that have not been maintained or repaired has been considered.

No one has questioned the need for additional dollars for road maintenance and repair; however, a serious controversy arose as to how the project was to be funded.

Governor Shapp suggested the use of revenue sharing funds and a one hundred million dollar (\$100,000,000) bond issue. This proposal was called "The most fiscally irresponsible piece of legislation . . ." in over a decade to be considered by the General Assembly. The bond issue over a thirty year period would cost the taxpayers one hundred and fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in interest alone! PennDot Secretary Jacob Kassab called this type of debt financing "terrible".

House Bill 1605 offered an alternative way to fund the necessary repairs. The bill called for a one cent (1¢) per gallon increase in fuel taxes for repairs on secondary roads. Although on March 30, 1973, Governor Shapp stated "I will remain consistent with my pledge to the people of the State not to support additional taxes of any kind for the rest of this term", by July 10, 1974 the Governor saw the wisdom of the "pay as you go" philosophy and supported House Bill 1605. On July 12, 1974, the Governor signed the bill, making it Act 161 of 1974.

HISTORY OF HOUSE BILL 1605

HB 1605 By Representative WESTERBERG.

Prior Printer's No. 2078.

Printer's No. 2097.

An Act imposing an additional State tax on certain fuels; providing for collection, lien and administration of the tax; and making an appropriation.

Referred to TRANSPORTATION, Nov. 19, 1973
Reported as amended, Nov. 20, 1973
First consideration, Nov. 28, 1973
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, Dec. 3, 1973
Re-reported as committed, Jan. 29, 1974
Second consideration, Jan. 30, 1974
Placed on third consideration postponed calendar,
Feb. 4, 1974
Laid on the table, March 6, 1974
(Remarks see House Journal Page), July 8, 1974
Removed from the table, July 8, 1974
Placed on third consideration postponed calendar,
July 8, 1974
(Remarks see House Journal Page), July 9, 1974
Third consideration and defeated on final passage,
July 9, 1974 (71-114)
Vote by which this bill was defeated on final
passage, reconsidered, July 10, 1974
Final passage, July 10, 1974 (116-62)
(Remarks see House Journal Page),
July 10, 1974

In the Senate
Referred to FINANCE, July 10, 1974
Reported as committed, July 10, 1974
First consideration, July 10, 1974
Second consideration, July 11, 1974
Third consideration and final passage,
July 12, 1974 (42-7)
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page),
July 12, 1974
Signed in House, July 12, 1974
Signed in Senate, July 12, 1974
In hands of the Governor, July 12, 1974
Last day for action, July 22, 1974
Approved by the Governor, July 12, 1974
Act No. 161

HOUSE BILL 1605, P.N. 2097; Bonetto motion to revert to the prior Printer's Number, (P.N. 2078) 7/9/74, (64-122). This motion would delete the formula for allocating funds.

PROS

1. The formula is not a fair one.
2. The City of Philadelphia would get only one dollar and thirty five cents (\$1.35) under the formula.
3. The hands of the Secretary of Transportation should not be tied.

CONS

1. The secondary road system is in need of repair and is located in virtually every legislative district in the state.
2. The Department of Transportation should be mandated to spend these funds on the secondary roads.
3. The rural areas of the state have the greatest highway problems.

| ROLL CALL: | PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | | 1974 LEGISLATURE |
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| Brandt | McCurdy | Bennett | Myers |
| Burkardt | McGinnis | Berkes | Novak |
| Burns | Mebus | Borson | O'Brien |
| Butera | Miller, M. E. | Bixler | O'Donnell |
| Byerly | Miller, M. E., Jr. | Blackwell | Oliver |
| Cessar | Noye | Bonetto | Parry |
| Checchio | O'Connell | Brunner | Petrarca |
| Crawford | Pancoast | Caputo | Pievsky |
| Dager | Parker, H. S. | Cohen | Prendergast |
| Davis, R. | Perri | Comer | Rappaport |
| Deverter | Piper | Davis, D. M. | Renwick |
| Dininni | Pitts | DeMedio | Rhodes |
| Dorr | Polite | Dicarlo | Richardson |
| Dorsey | Renninger | | Rieger |
| Fawcett | Rowe | Dombrowski | Ritter |
| Fischer | Ruane | Doyle | Romanelli |
| Foor | Ryan | Dreibelbis | Ruggiero |
| Foster, A. | Saloom | Early | |
| Foster, W. | Salvatore | Eckensberger | Scanlon |
| Fox | Scheaffer | Engelhart | Schmitt |
| Frankenburg | Schulze | Fee | Shane |
| Gallen | Scirica | Fenrich | Sholhamer |
| Geesey | Seltzer | Fineman | Shelton |
| ekas | Semanoff | Fryer | Shuman |
| Jeason | Smith, C. | Gallagher | Shupnik |
| | Smith, E. | Geisler | Stout |
| | Smith, L. | | Sullivan |
| Grieco | Spencer | Gillette | Tayoun |
| Gring | Stahl | Gleeson | Toll |
| Halverson | Taddonio | Goodman | Trusio |
| Hamilton, J. H. | Thomas | Greenfield | Valicenti |
| Harrier | Turner | Hammock | Vann |
| Hasay | Ustynoski | Homer | Walsh, A. T. |
| Haskell | Yacca | Hutchinson, A. | Walsh, T. P. |
| Hayes, D. S. | Vipond | Irviss | Wargo |
| Hayes, S. E. | Volpe | Itkin | Williams |
| Hepford | Wagner | Johnson, J. | Wise |
| Hill | Weidner | Kelly, A. P. | Wojdak |
| Hopkins | Wells | Kolter | Yahner |
| Hutchinson, W. | Westerberg | Kowalshyn | Zeller |
| Jones | Whelan | LaMarca | Zwilk |
| Kahle | Whittlesey | Laudadio | |
| Katz | Wilson | Laughlin | Leo |
| Kelly, J. B. | Wilt, R. W. | Lederer | Speaker |
| Kennedy | Wilt, W. W. | Leitnerman | |
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MEMORANDA: *H B 1605 - Bonetto Mot Oliver*

7-9-74

YEAS: 64
 NAYS: 122
 N-V: 17
 DATE

HOUSE BILL 1605, P.N. 2097; Final passage, 7/9/74 (71-114). The bill failed in the House without debate.

ROLL CALL:

- YEAS N-V NAYS
MAJORITY
- Anderson, J. H.
 - Jera
 - Bittle
 - Brandt
 - Burkardt
 - Burns
 - Butera
 - Byerly
 - Cassar
 - Checchio
 - Crawford
 - Dager
 - Davis, R.
 - Deverter
 - Dininni
 - Dorr
 - Dorsey
 - Fawcett
 - Fischer
 - Foor
 - Foster, A.
 - Foster, W.
 - Fox
 - Frankenbug
 - Gallon
 - Geesey
 - Gekas
 - Gleason
 - Grieco
 - Gring
 - Halverson
 - Hamilton, J. H.
 - Harrier
 - Hasay
 - Haskell
 - Hayes, D. S.
 - Hayes, S. E.
 - Hepford
 - Hill
 - Hopkins
 - Hutchinson, W.
 - Jones
 - Kahle
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PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- YEAS N-V NAYS
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- Maloney
 - McClatchy
 - McCuo
 - McCurdy
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 - Miller, M. E.
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 - Saloom
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 - Scheaffer
 - Schulze
 - Scirica
 - Seltzer
 - Semanoff
 - Smith, C.
 - Smith, E.
 - Smith, L.
 - Spencer
 - Stahl
 - Taddonio
 - Thomas
 - Turner
 - Ustynas
 - Vacca
 - Vipond
 - Volpe
 - Wagner
 - Weidner
 - Wells
 - Westerberg
 - Whelan
 - Whittlesey
 - Wilson
 - Wilt, R. W.
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- YEAS N-V NAYS
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- Arthurs
 - Barber
 - Bellomini
 - Bennett
 - Berkes
 - Barson
 - Bixler
 - Blackwell
 - Bonetto
 - Brunner
 - Caputo
 - Cohen
 - Comer
 - Davis, D. M.
 - DeMedio
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 - Fineman
 - Fryer
 - Gallagher
 - Geisler
 - Gillette
 - Gleason
 - Goodman
 - Greenfield
 - Hammock
 - Homer
 - Hutchinson, A.
 - Irvis
 - Itkin
 - Johnson, J.
 - Kelly, A. P.
 - Kolter
 - Kowalshyn
 - LaMarca
 - Laudadio
 - Laughlin
 - Lederer
 - Letterman
 - Lincoln
 - Malady
 - Manderino
 - Martino
 - McGraw
 - McMonagle

1974 LEGISLATURE

- YEAS N-V NAYS
MINORITY
- Morris
 - Mullen, M. P.
 - Musto
 - Myers
 - Novak
 - O'Brien
 - O'Donnell
 - Oliver
 - Perry
 - Patrarca
 - Pievsky
 - Prendergast
 - Rappaport
 - Renwick
 - Rhodes
 - Richardson
 - Rieger
 - Ritter
 - Romanelli
 - Ruggiero
 - Scanlon
 - Schmitt
 - Shane
 - Shelhamer
 - Shelton
 - Shuman
 - Shupnik
 - Stout
 - Sullivan
 - Tayoun
 - Toll
 - Trusio
 - Valicenti
 - Vann
 - Walsh, T.
 - Walsh, T. P.
 - Wargo
 - Williams
 - Wise
 - Wajdak
 - Yahner
 - Zeller
 - Zwinkl

Lee
Speaker

7-9-74

YEAS: 71
NAYS: 114
N-V: 18

MEMORANDA:

TOTALS

BILL NUMBER

PROS

1. It was necessary to get the bill to the Senate quickly, so they could act on it prior to the summer recess.
2. The road conditions require positive action on the bill.

CON

1. There were no negative remarks for the record.

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MEMORANDA:

7-10-74
 YEAS: 116
 NAYS: 62
 N-V: 25
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