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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Tyson, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. The purpose of my amendment is merely to...if you will look on your screen...the purpose of this amendment is to remove from consideration that income that is necessary to carry out the purpose for which it is formed. In other words, again we're talking about airport authorities. We're talking about airports generally. Now I have heard a lot of...lot of verbiage about this, but outside I have not had anybody come up to me and say, Duncan Aviation has an advantage or McDonald's has an advantage, or whomever has an advantage. They are generating...their purpose is their purpose. The purpose of renting the public facility is to serve the public and generate the revenue necessary to carry on the public purpose. When you have farm land or...pardon me, land mandated by the FAA to provide a safety net, safety zone, we can let it lie fallow or we can use it to generate income for the airport authority that is then income that is not necessary to be taken from taxpayers. That's all that this is. Now, Senator Wickersham made the...when I read this out, Senator Wickersham made the point that it obviates the purpose of the bill. I would submit to you that that's not true. All this does is allow people to utilize assets that they have to generate income to lessen the taxation load of other people. That's the purpose of this bill...of this amendment. And I don't think any further explanation is necessary but I'm sure I'm going to hear some. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Tyson. You've heard the opening. Discussion on the Tyson amendment, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, I rise in opposition to Senator Tyson's amendment. It is not nearly as innocuous as he would lead you to believe. What Senator Tyson's amendment is, is a license to go out and acquire whatever property you can, whatever property you want, and then use that to generate revenues, to substitute for tax dollars and then declare that that is necessary to carry out your public purpose. Well, what is the harm, I suppose, is what Senator Tyson would say. They've got property, they're using it to produce revenues, they're using it to reduce your property taxes. Well, whose