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we're not there yet because the Board of Educational Lands and Funds has the same public purpose problem that we have pointed to with airport authorities. Is there a public purpose in the holding of certain lands?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: We're not sure. So the airport authorities have said, gosh, let's just allow us to play payment in lieu of taxes. Let me suggest a different formulation of my amendment which I've offered to Senator Raikes and to Senator Wickersham and they declined and that's to say, actually Senator Peterson did this, airport authorities, just airport authorities, not the general principle, just airport authorities, and they've declined that offer. They want to make this about general principles and general rules. Fair enough. But if you do that, you throw us into this whole general policy situation and the educational lands and funds argument that Senator Bromm raises lies at the feet of the bill as well as the amendment. Distinguish on the amendment based on what you think is good policy generally and then solve the educational lands and funds problem either to the bill or to the amendment at a separate time. Do it after this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...pull it back from Final Reading, do what you will; but this argument is not one that lies at the feet of only the amendment and not the bill itself. It's at the feet of both.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Jones, followed by Senator Kristensen and Senator Bohlke. Senator Jones, on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I just want to talk a little bit more. We've been changing everything over to the school lands and funds issue right now. A lot of people do not realize just how that's taking place out there. If I had a...leased a school section, they set the lease price. I do not bid on that lease price. They come out and they say we want such and such dollars for that and you just bid a bonus to