

manufactured. In this case, clearly, it is a situation that deals with Duncan Aviation in Lincoln and they have an opportunity that has not been presented before to manufacture aircrafts on a large scale basis that would provide a number of jobs for the State of Nebraska. The amendment that Senator Conway offers would allow what is called the "flyaway rule". They would be able to then not have to pay sales tax on those planes that are delivered outside the State of Nebraska. Should these planes be bought and retained in Nebraska, they would, of course, pay sales tax under the statute, as it currently reads, and even with the Conway amendment to 965. With that, I would only say that outside of not having a public hearing on the issue, I think almost all members of the, if not all, members of the Revenue Committee are not aware of this provision, they probably weren't listening on one day when we talked about it. The provision is one that just affords, I think, Duncan Aviation the ability or the opportunity to manufacture a world class aircraft that otherwise they may not be able to get the contract, and that is clearly what it boils down to. I think once they prove themselves in this area, it is very likely that it could flourish again. Who knows, I won't place my trust in the amendment on that fact but if you do follow what some other cities who are heavily into manufacturing of aircraft, they all have what is commonly termed the flyaway rule, which is what Senator Conway's amendment would have. They began in this manner. This provision would allow Duncan to, basically, become one of the big boys in a number of years in terms of this type of manufacturing, specialty aircraft. I would urge the adoption of the amendment at this point. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members. It is a real privilege to have designated LB 965 as my priority bill for this session. Duncan Aviation is already involved internationally. When we speak of global trade and so on as we did last week when we were talking about the Airport Authority, and when we talk about other bills that we bring to the Legislature to bring Nebraska into the twenty-first century in dealing with other countries, Duncan Aviation is already there. Senator Hall gave a lot of my speech, so I won't say much more about what this particular thing does, but I will say, again, that it is an enhancement for business that is here, that has been an asset to this city, and to the State of Nebraska, and to this region for a long time, and so I would just urge you to