

against airlines, just as the 4-R Act prohibits discriminatory taxation against railroads. The language, while there are some minor differences in the language of the statutes, the intent I believe is the same and that is to prohibit what is going to happen with the passage of this bill, or for that matter, what is happening right now the way the law stands. I would urge the adoption of the amendment, like I say, not because of any great desire to exempt another class of property, but rather if we do intend to pass this bill, let's at least make it one that is going to stand...be upheld by the courts when it is challenged, and I can pretty well guarantee you that it will be challenged. Without the amendment, I can pretty well give you an indication of who is going to challenge it. I think this amendment will head off that particular challenge. So I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, your light was on before the present amendment came on. Did you wish to speak to the Lindsay amendment

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR WESELY: I didn't know I did but I will because it exemplifies the point I would like to make. I feel like the little Dutch boy, you know, and the finger in the dike, and what is coming over and breaking through that dike are exemptions, and we are all standing here trying to stop what we can of the exemptions, and this bill is an attempt to do that by allowing a little bit of an exemption, so we took maybe our finger out of that one little dike in the hope that that little bit that will come through won't become bigger, but this is just an example of where we are headed to. Once you start down the road on these exemptions, once you start down the road on trying to provide this class not paying taxes while others will, you have inevitably the short of problem that we have. And our problems today don't stem from just a couple of years ago, they go back to 15 and 20 years ago of changes in our tax system providing little breaks here, more breaks there, and now we are in this situation where we are about to see the whole dike collapse and even more types of exemptions coming through. I think if you want to get down to the fundamentals of the whole situation, back to where we ought to be talking about in this session is, are we going to keep heading down the road. I know we are