

access that any other van, for example, like from the hotel that you might be staying, that would come through and pick up passengers. We are going to pass a rule or a reg that allows us to tax, in essence, take a percentage of your profits so that your costs go up, so you have to raise your rates, so you are that much less competitive with the garages that we have at the airport, and the airport garages, which were bonded out, by the way, don't have to compete near as much and our rates can stay where they are. People are going to find it just as convenient, the price difference isn't the same, we will park at the airport garage and, therefore, have the ability to, in essence, augment our revenues off of parking. And, frankly, it sounds like it is not that big a thing, but I will tell you, ladies and gentlemen, the parking issue is the revenue issue when it comes to places like the airport. There is huge amounts of dollars and I would venture to say that the vast majority of the profit in an operation like Eppley, when you look at the total dollars there and the cost to run a facility like that, it is, basically, the gravy. The money that they have is made through parking, their profits. They run a very fine facility out there. It is one of the best in the Midwest. This only says that they can't impose a tax like that. They are not in the process of imposing that. Let me make it very clear, they are not in the process of imposing that, but it is the kind of thing where they have talked about it. All this amendment does is say, look, we are not going to...that is not an option. It takes that option away. I would ask that the amendment be adopted to LB 126.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you. I rise to support Senator Hall's amendment. I think it is a fair amendment and certainly one that while it does not create anything new, it just states that we are not going to require taxing for our public areas, and I think it is fair and I support it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Any further discussion on the amendment offered by Senator Hall? Seeing none, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now vote on the amendment by Senator Hall. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the amendment offered by Senator Hall. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? We are voting on the amendment by Senator Hall. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator