

issue is money. The issue is money. Airport makes their money, they basically don't make anything on the transportation end, they make their money on fees. Parking fees is a big issue for them. If they are able to collect money from these people who compete with them in the private sector, by charging, in essence, a tax on their buses, their vans coming in and picking people up, they are able to, in essence, drive up the cost of the competition and then have a fuller parking garage in their own facility. That's all it is, it's nothing more than that. This says they can't have a tax. And I appreciate what Senator Lynch is doing, he's protecting his district and what he thinks is a proposal that could potentially impact that. I do not believe that this does anything more than what it says it does. Senator Lynch and I think some folks at the airport believe that this could somehow impact runway fees. And that clearly, (a) is not the intent. I don't think you can read that into the language. But rather than delay this, all I want to do is say that I oppose the motion to return the bill to Select File. There is not a fee imposed now. There had been a question about whether or not the Airport Authority did propose something like this, they have in the past, it never was adopted by their board, but they have talked about it at various meetings. All this does is say that they cannot impose a tax on anyone who uses the right-of-way, basically the driveways to drop off and pick up passengers, whether they be a parking garage, or an individual. There should not be a toll booth at the front of the Airport Authority for purposes of competition. And that's all the amendment was intended to do, that's all it clearly does with the plain reading of the language. I would urge...I oppose the motion to return.

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

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At the time when let...told Senator Hall that he could use my innocuous little bill for the Department of Roads I didn't have any idea that it would induce a dispute between entities in Omaha on such as this. And whatever...whatever happens, whatever you do with the bill, my little bill isn't that important. So do what you want to with the amendments between Senator Hall and Senator Lynch, and don't consider my little, old bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. This is a