

business. It is not to discourage competition. It is not to reduce the amount of fees that are generated by the airport. It is merely to say that unless there's a pro-active decision on the part of this Legislature that the Airport Authorities in this state cannot enact fees for use of their driveways, not the runways, not anything else, just their driveways, pure and simple, that's all it does. I would again urge you to support LB 126. It is a very simple bill, both parts of it, Senator Elmer's and mine. It is not an onerous provision and I believe that the Airport Authority has done a good job lobbying the issue, but I clearly don't see any reason to bring this bill back or to let it fail on Final Reading. I would urge you to support the bill on Final. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hall. Before we proceed, I would like to call the senators' attention to the south balcony. Special guests today of Senator Coordsen are 12 students from Meridian High School in Daykin, and their teacher. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. Senator Will, followed by Senator Chizek.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President, and members of the body, I don't want to take a whole lot more time on this motion. I think it's been good to air some of the concerns that people have on both sides of this issue. I think it's instructive that there's been more debate on this particular provision this afternoon than the sum total prior to today. I think that's one of the things...one of the objections that I have to the...to the amendment. Senator Hall characterizes this amendment as a clarifying provision and I'm sure he brings it in completely good faith. But the fact is, do we know that it's a clarifying provision? No, we don't. We don't know what effect this has on the Airport Authority. We haven't gotten the Airport Authority in front of a committee. We haven't gotten the people who favor this amendment in front of a committee to explain exactly what is intended, exactly what the language does specifically. I think we're at a point where, again, the wisest course is to simply probably not vote on LB 126. I certainly will pledge my cooperation with Senator Ashford, with Senator Hall, with any other interested parties. I will sit down over the interim with the Airport Authority, with the businesses that would like to see this provision enacted and work something out. I think it is important, while certainly Senator Hall is correct in pointing out that this could have some effect on individuals, that the entities that want this legislation are businesses.