

So just for your information, we don't always take everything, sometimes we do give a little bit back, and this is one of those cases, yeah, I'm looking for a little sympathy here. But in any event, again, I am just raising the concerns. I will ask for the opinion, and when it comes back, I'll share with it Senator Hartnett, because other than that, I am just raising those concerns. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I simply would have worked with Senator Wesely again as I have on this bill all along, you know, to see if we get an opinion back and so forth, so... I think Senator Wickersham wants a little bit of my time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. I will try to be brief. I guess I am beginning to share some of Senator Wesely's concerns. Again, it isn't my intent to hold the bill up at this point, but I do have a concern. Senator Hartnett, as I understand the bill, it doesn't require that fuel tax proceeds are used on private airports, but...private public-use airports, but it would allow that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: It would, but it would still be up to the Department of Aeronautics.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: And one of the reasons for attempting that structure is so that they would also become eligible for federal aid, as I understand it.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, that's probably the biggest point.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Whether or not any state...whether or not any fuel tax dollars are ever granted or used in these "public...private public-use" airports?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, that's right.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would yield some of my time to Senator Bernard-Steens.