

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Just briefly, being a pilot and a part of the aeronautical community, the bill that Senator Hartnett has is a fair bill. It is a reasonable bill. These airports, number one, are public-use airports. When pilots do not want to go into the busier airports, such as Eppley, or even sometimes ever-once-in-awhile, Senator Wesely, even Lincoln can become busy, when they don't want to do so, they go into the smaller airports, and they are public use. And these airports, also, when they pump gas, that is where most of the money comes into the state coffers on the Cash Fund, so they are contributing to the fund as well. Now, the amendment we put on there said if they are for private use, no, they don't qualify, but as long as they are public use for everyone, they qualify. The bill is a good one and I appreciate Senator Hartnett bringing the bill to us.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Any further discussion? Motion has been made to advance the bill. All those in favor vote aye. Opposed. LB 609 is advanced. LB 447.

CLERK: Mr. President, 447, I have no E & R, Senator. However, I do have an amendment by Senator Beutler, AM1531.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Mr. Speaker. I'd move to advance LB 447 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Any discussion? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I intend to vote against LB 447, and I wanted to tell you why, and at least bring this matter to your attention. I don't think this is life or death, the beginning or end of anything, and, therefore, I don't want to create a lot of time spent on this particular issue. However, the provision that is being stricken in LB 447 is a sentence that says, and this is a bill that has to do with road bidding, as implemented