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build a structure there. It isn't, within some distance of the end of a runway, it isn't even appropriate to farm it or to carry out any other activities because you simply can't have anybody at the end of a runway when a plane is attempting to land or to take off. Now whether that is, quote, unused because it looks like an extension of the air...of the runway and is necessary to utilize the runway I think is a question that will have to be answered by local assessors and local officials. I think you can make a good argument that that is, quote, used within the context of making the runway itself workable because you can't...you just can't have something out there when a plane is landing or taking off.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Chris Peterson. Do you have an announcement, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Natural Resources will meet in ten-fifteen, at 10:15 in Room 2022.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Chris Peterson on the amendment.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This is, obviously, a very complicated issue and we had quite a bit of debate about it in the Revenue Committee, and the area that I was specifically interested in had to do with the airport authorities. And when the constitutional amendment was passed, it said that the tax exemption for the property in its political subdivision is exempt to the extent such property is used by the state or governmental subdivision for public purposes. Then if it is not used for the authorized public purposes, the Legislature may classify such property. And I think Senator Wickersham has done an excellent job of pinpointing probably the two policy issues that really I hope we have some good discussion with on the floor which is the issue of government competing with private enterprise, and do they