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these things. It is the issue of shifting taxes. Now Senator Smith gave an example when he said, it's wonderful, I lease this property out, my county has lower taxes. Well, that's true. I'd love to live in Scotts Bluff County...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...because then I wouldn't have to pay taxes in Sioux County for his airport. But that's what happens when you have a governmental entity and it holds property and doesn't use it directly for that governmental purpose, you cause higher taxes to be paid by somebody else and, in particular, the effect that plays out across the multitaxing authorities is to the disadvantage of persons who have no direct link to that entity. It's a subtle effect but it's a real effect and, frankly, I think if we can address the issues of having government compete with private enterprises, it should do that. If it's going to do that, it should do that on an even playing field. And, secondly, we should try...we should try to be fair to the taxpayers and not shift tax burdens, not subsidize one kind of enterprise at the expense of someone else.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Those wishing to speak are Senators Bromm, Chris Peterson, Senator Wehrbein, Hartnett, Senator Hilgert and Senator Robak. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Continuing a little bit with Senator Wickersham's history, my history probably doesn't go nearly as far back as this issue with the subject, but from the first year I was here, I introduced bills to try to in some way deal with the impact of the rather large block of land acquired by MUD for well fields in our county of Saunders. It's several hundred acres of land which is next to the Platte River, and by some counts with the people's interest in hunting and fishing and what-have-you, the value is even much greater than the agricultural value. But, in any event, our county has a history of, first of all, accommodating the bomb plant in World War II on very short notice, thousands of acres removed from the tax rolls; followed up by transfer of a good portion of that to the University of Nebraska who continues to hold and own several thousand acres, something like 8,000, of some of the best land in our county. It's been a source of, not that there