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defray the costs, that then would allow us not to increase the levy of the tax for political subdivisions.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Oh, okay, Senator, I think I understand what you're suggesting. You're suggesting that...well, I don't think you're suggesting this but what your question calls to mind is that it would always be a public purpose to generate as much revenue as possible by whatever means possible to lower general taxes levied for support of that particular governmental entity. Is that the way to phrase your question?

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Yes.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Okay, so would it always be...would it always be a governmental purpose to make whatever use for the highest amount of revenue so that you could lower generalized property tax levies? I don't think so because the public purpose tests are not related to whether governmental enterprises make money. It is whether it carries out a broader public function, some activity that is to the generalized benefit of the citizens of the political subdivision. It isn't...government...government has never had as its generalized purpose simply the making of money, and I don't know that we have that as a public purpose for any of our governmental entities with the exception of the Investment Council, and we specifically charged that with the requirement that it makes money, but that doesn't...but that doesn't address the other issue, and that is, although it mitigates it, and that is the shifting of tax burdens, nor does it address the issue of then having governments compete with private enterprises. If we are to turn government loose and say make as much money as you can to reduce property taxes, we would find...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...government conducting all kinds of activities that would normally be the purview of private business and doing that, I would suggest, in an unfair way.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: Thank you. So if I'm putting that into a shorter phrase, basically, if they're leasing the land for nonpublic purpose, it is going to be taxed, which then leads us