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SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Although, Senator, I might note that there are...that Game and Parks has always paid an in lieu of tax on certain properties that Game and Parks owns and the bill is specifically crafted in some of its provisions to update that practice. They are more than willing and, in fact, wish to pay taxes or in lieu of taxes on some of their property. They recognize that that's an appropriate function. They've done that for...they've done that for many years.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: As has Educational Lands and Funds, the school lands.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I understand. I really got into this because I've been supportive of the bill but I did want some clarifications because I think because of the discussions going on I began to get confused and I hate that when that happens. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Hartnett, followed by Senators Hilgert, Robak, and Byars. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Byars, I think I may have something to do with this, this starting out. Senator Warner, my late...the late Senator Warner and myself is, because I had, in my community, the city ran...had...bought a building down in my downtown area had bought a building and they rented it out and they were getting money from it. They were competing with...with other, you know, people that rent space, and is that fair? I guess that was the question, you know. And so we did...we did have this issue, has been around for a long time. We did have a constitutional amendment a couple of years ago. We had all the five issues that were part of this package together and it failed, and I think it failed simply because there was something in there about consolidation, and I think as people read the ballot they saw that's...oh, they're going to try to consolidate our schools, and that really wasn't the purpose. So this time what we did is we passed, you know, the Legislature, you know, put five different issues, I think it's five, four, four. Counsel