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passed...it said that...to limit the tax exemption for the property of the state and its political subdivisions to the extent such property is used by those political subdivisions for public purpose. That's the first part. The second part, though, said, if it is not used for a public purpose, then the Legislature has the ability to do three things: tax it, do a payment in lieu of tax, or exempt it. That was the constitutional amendment that was passed. And I think it's critical that we spend time on remembering that those three options are out there. Like Senator Smith, my concern has to do with the airport authorities that are mandated to have this land. And that revenue then has been used to defray the cost of government, and by doing that they are able not to have to levy or raise the levy. And in essence, to me, that provides property tax relief. The discussion on the floor has been that to defray the cost of government is not recognized as a public purpose, in which case then, if that's the truth, then we go to the second stage, and it says the Legislature has the ability to tax, payment in lieu of tax, or exempt. And I think that's kind of where we're at right now, because when you start looking at this and how complicated it gets, it's not just the airport authorities. There are so many things out there that are used in public ways, but they are not a public purpose; they are used to defray the cost of government. And I think we need...I think we need to be very aware of what we might be doing. Senator Kristensen, could I ask you a question about your amendment?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Kristensen?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR C. PETERSON: If your amendment was not passed and Senator Wickersham's amendment was passed, which started it on January 1 of 2000, if we follow the sheet, the matrix that said if land is used for nonpublic purpose then it is taxed to the lessee, would the property taxes for 1999, if it starts on January 1, 2000, would the lessee then be required to pay those property taxes?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You would look at as of 1-1, the year 2000. That's the date that you make the trigger. In other words, you make that determination, as of that day, who was...if there was