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citizens who are in different governmental jurisdictions equally. If you happen to be in a government subdivision that...in which there is a lot of property owned by subdivisions, then certainly the burden to you, compared to another tax...taxing division, may be quite high. This would equalize some of those differences, but if you look at the overall picture, I think the implication here is that property taxation is going to...the revenue from property taxes is going to be neutral. So again, I oppose the Tyson amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Raikes. (Visitors introduced.) Continuing the debate on the Tyson amendment, Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President. Obviously, my concern with this bill is great and I would like to support just about anything that would slow it down or whittle away at it, but this amendment I must oppose because I believe that it would essentially encourage government entities to go into competition with the private sector, and that is not what I want. I just want there to be level playing field and, therefore, I would oppose this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Smith. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President and members of the body, I think Senator Smith took my speech. We talked about a level playing field. This really is...really turns it where government could buy any property and use it for any purposes, but that's fine as far as Senator Tyson is concerned. That's a great idea. Let them...let them do their own thing and so government could own everything, nobody pays any taxes. But it's...we want a level playing field. No one knows how much government property is off the tax rolls, and I think this gives us an opportunity. This is what the people said, we have government in the past competing with private industries and so this just is a bad, bad amendment, Senator Tyson. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Madam President and members of the Legislature,