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SENATOR LANDIS: ...that there might be some variation...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...between one county that might have more in the way of road construction maintenance costs than another, and the share might be different.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Senator Landis.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Byars on Amendment 1492.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and colleagues. I think I stand to disagree with both Senator Wickersham and Senator Raikes about the level playing field, among other things. I don't think the members of the community of Beatrice...it has a small airport that's been run extremely responsibly...I don't think the citizens of my community have ever felt that they've been wronged in any way by giving tax relief to their airport. I think they're glad to do that. I think they're thrilled to have that as an economic development tool, to have it as a prideful thing. And in return, our airport authority has not abused in any way that relief of taxes, but instead they've managed their money, they haven't gone out and squandered tax dollars. And I think in the constitutional amendment that we are charged with making public policy, good public policy. And I think that we have the leeway, and the citizens, the voters of the state, have given us options of making that policy. If they hadn't, we wouldn't be here this evening arguing on these very points. I think it is our obligation to defray the cost of government. I think as part of that instruction by the voter to make public policy, that they give us this option of doing something in lieu of taxes. I don't think it's creating an unlevel playing field. I don't think it's betraying the voters in any way. I think it's certainly much better than no taxes, which, quite honestly, I would prefer for my airport. The small airports in this state are being caught in this web, this spider web, and are much like the baby being thrown out with the bath water. And I'm...I just don't think that the playing...the level playing field taxwise