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LB 271

says, leased public real property other than property leased for a public purpose as set forth in subdivision (1)(a) of Section 77-201 which goes right back and here's that reference and it's to the same thing. In other words, our best approach in both cases I think would be to keep educational lands and funds money for the purposes of schools only, only. That I think runs us no difficulty with the constitution. I think it...I think it revolves, I'm sorry, resolves the problem that LB 271 places us in with that language with my respect; and I'd suggest that that amendment would solve both what I think is the underlying problem with the bill and would remove any questions what the affect of my amendment would be in this bill. But the notion that somehow the problem here is only contained in the amendment and not the underlying bill is what I contest. There's an open question I admit. It should be answered by an amendment. My suggestion is that we be clear to the constitutional principle that educational lands and funds money go to the schools only. And that to me is the way to solve this problem. And by the way, whether my amendment failed or succeeded, we should probably do that to LB 271 regardless.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute. Senator Landis, your light is next, but you have spoken twice plus your opening. Senator Bohlke, you're...

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen, in this corner we have Senator Landis who has now spoken. In this corner, we have Senator Wickersham who I yield my time to to respond to what Senator Landis just said.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Landis, LB 271 as it is drafted without your amendment actually solves the problem that you are raising because 271 doesn't subject the Board of Educational Lands and Funds itself to tax. The structure in LB 271 is that the tenant pays the tax so Board of Educational Lands and Funds would never pay out a dime. And, of course, that structure also solves the problem for the airports who say that we can't distribute any of our money because we have federal restrictions. Fine, don't distribute any of your money. Your tenant pays. The tenant pays and it does not violate the