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February 23, 2000 LB 510, 557

Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 775.)  
28 ayes, 19 nays, 1 present and not voting, 1 excused and not  
voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 510 passes. While the Legislature is in  
session, capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and  
do hereby sign LB 510. We now return to General File, LB 557,  
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 557, a bill introduced by Senator  
Jones. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 19 of  
last year, at that time referred to the Revenue Committee. The  
bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee  
amendments, Mr. President. (AM0855, Legislative Journal  
page 1064, First Session, 1999.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones, you're recognized to open on  
the bill.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the  
body. This bill is a real simple and short bill because it  
deals with the county airports and the municipal airports and  
the county and municipal airports, which are all tax entities.  
And what this does is exempts them from the sales tax that they  
have to pay on the repairs and stuff that they do. And the  
reason that I was so interested in this was because there's  
a...this does not deal with private airports. I think I want to  
make that clear to start out with. But I'll give you a little  
example how this could work. Just say you spent \$5,000 for an  
asphalt addition on a runway or something and you want to spend  
about \$250 on lights and stuff to extend the runway or lights in  
a building or any kind of repairs like that, you've got the two  
projects you want to do and one is going to cost \$5,000, another  
one is going to cost \$250. Well, if you could save this here  
sales tax, well, the \$250 is what it would be at 5 percent and  
that would do all your wiring, so it just actually adds to what  
they can do with their money when it's this tax entity to start  
out with. So that's the reason that I think it's an important  
issue for the municipal airports and things. It...it was in the  
Revenue last year and it came out with a 7 to 0 vote, so