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hopefully that the...it's...be a good idea that everybody would support it, because I think municipal airports and county airports need this exemption because they are a tax entity to start out with. I want to thank Ray Aguilar for taking it as his priority bill and what I'd like to do is give some more of my time now to him for an opening and...if he wanted to share the opening.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Aguilar, you have roughly eight minutes.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I rise to give my support to LB 557 and the positive economic impact it will surely have on this fine state. In essence, LB 557 provides assistance to what can accurately be termed the transportation lifeline in many communities throughout this state. I chose it as my priority bill basically because of the benefit it would give to the Grand Island Airport, but also it will be a direct economic impact on the cities of Alliance, Cambridge, Chappell, Columbus, Genoa, Gordon, Grant, Holdrege, Imperial, Kimball, Lincoln, North Platte, Ogallala, Omaha, Scottsbluff, Seward, South Sioux City, and Stromsburg. Finally, I would point out that over the next ten years every community in the state that has a public use airport will see a positive impact as a result of LB 557. From Scottsbluff to Omaha, and from Valentine to Alma, the entire state of Nebraska and all of its citizens will be positively impacted by LB 557. I urge you to vote in favor of LB 557, advance it to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones, did you need any of the remaining time for opening?

SENATOR JONES: No. No, that's fine. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Bohlke. Excuse me, Senator Bohlke, we do have committee amendments. Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on those committee amendments.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Speaker, the committee amendments are about as simple as you can make them. The bill came to us