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SENATOR BAKER: Well, we have to get around some trees at the end of one of them. It's poorly situated. So I don't know whether you consider that crooked. You're downwind. Your final approach is certainly crooked.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was the runway straight from point A where it commenced to point B where it terminated? Was it straight?

SENATOR BAKER: You could make a straight line, although I don't think the edges of it were straight. But you could draw a straight line from one or the other, one end to the other.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then I will conclude that if you could draw a straight line from one end to the other, it would be a straight runway. How much engineering skill do you think it would take to design that straight runway?

SENATOR BAKER: That runway doesn't have a design engineer worked on it. It was a private strip. But to answer your question, a public runway, there's a number of factors going into...go into design of a runway, as I said, beside the concrete and impaction factors and so on, other than, you know, the clearances and so on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, so that particularly impressed you. I will accept what you say, because I asked for your opinion, and I won't challenge it. You said that his amount of time with this board impressed you, whereas my 36 years in the Legislature did not particularly, and I'm not...this is not ego. What did he do during that four years that made that particular block of time impressive to you, based on what he told you?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, on what he had done, looking back...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...over additional information, he was obviously...he was on the Governor's Transportation Task Force, and I know there are some qualifications there, to be on that. Project of the engineer...he was obviously honored by his peers a number of years. And he's also elected chairman of this