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very technical. Instead of "such" we want to insert the word "any". That is purely technical, in my estimation. We are adding a phrase on line 14, the phrase is "except as provided by law". That proposal was brought to us by persons who are concerned about the potential impact on airports, and in particular those airports that have received federal funding. I believe that they would take the position that you could not use any revenues from the airport to pay an in lieu of tax or a tax...a direct tax due to the provisions of federal law governing the federal assistance that they receive. So the words added on line 14 of page 8 are intended to ease those concerns, and the words "except as provided by law" are intended to encompass both federal and state law. So if the airport is prohibited from using income or revenues for a particular purpose, we're not going to be able to compel them, either as a matter of constitutional language or statutory language, to violate either federal or state law. Those are the committee amendments. I would urge the adoption of them.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk, first amendment. There are no amendments to the committee amendments. Senator Chambers, do you wish to speak?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, before I state my opposition to this proposal, I want to ask Senator Wickersham a question about language on page 8 that he just discussed.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Wickersham, will you yield?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wickersham, starting in line 10 with the new language, we say to the extent such property is not used for public purposes, the Legislature may classify such property exempt such classes...I'm going with the language already there...and impose or authorize some or all of such property to be subject to property taxes or payments in lieu of property taxes. Then the new language "except as provided by law". I think when you use the word "such" throughout and then you go to any classes, any class, are there classes of property other than this that we're talking about here which will be exempt under