

authority to levy a one mil or two mil levy and most of them do that. So what you have here is a small group of people going together in a real small community and forming an airport authority levying a property tax and then getting matching money from their property tax and from the state and from the federal government and building an airport that about four or five people in the community ever use. I think that his is a waste of the tax payers money. Now, why did we wait till this year to ask for this 68,000 dollar reduction in the amount of money? Last year, 1973, the Federal Government passed a new law which said that the matching money that the federal government will provide for the construction facilities at these airports will be 75% of the cost of that facility instead of the former figure of 50%. So you can see that the department of aeronautics actually has more money by 25% for matching money than they had previously. So if you take the figures and put it together the amount of airports, that is comparison to this amendment that I am offering, if you took that and even though they are losing 68 thousand dollars because the Federal Government has increased the matching the amount from 50 to 75% of the project that is approved by the federal government of course, and they don't, they don't develop it unless they are, that due to this change that they have the up from 50 to 75% the department of aeronautics actually has a \$154,000 more money to use for airport construction than they ever had. So we would have to subtract the sixty-eight thousand dollars from that and they would still have more money than they had previously for the construction of these projects. For those people that say that we are going to have less money for the construction of the small airports, it is not true because the federal government is now matching this 75% or 25% ratio. Before it was on a 50-50 basis. I don't think that for those people interested in a small airport we are going to hurt their operation, even though I think that it is wasteful, there is about two thousand registered airplanes in this state, private airplanes. We have so far constructed in just airports alone the ones that are only used by private people the small airports, constructed the last few years, a 3600 dollars per airplane in the state just in the small places, \$3,600. This is just in the little towns, that doesn't count Omaha, Lincoln, Columbus, Scottsbluff and all of those big airports that are served sometimes by commercial airports. \$3,600 for construction per airplane, which seems to be substantially higher than I would expect to serve.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron, I'm going to give you about 30 more seconds.

SENATOR WALDRON: OK, realizing that I get other time to speak I will be glad to continue and ask questions. The thing of it is that what we are trying to do frankly is to reduce the burden on the major aircarriers that serve Nebraska best and that is United Airlines and at the same time we will not hurt the department of aeronautics.

PRESIDENT: The next order is Senator Nore, but I am going to take Senator Burbach first as the Chairman of the committee and in the meantime I would ask Senator Waldron to send up a motion that would strike the committee amendments and adopt his in their place. I think that this is the order we are speaking about. Senator Burbach as chairman of the committee.

SENATOR BURBACH: Before I make any statements I would like to ask Senator Waldron a question.