

airlines and they used about ten airports in the state, of all the great number of airports that we have. Now United Air Lines which uses two airports in the state of Nebraska purchased more than 1/3 of the total gallons sold in the state of Nebraska and if you think that it is well to take all of the money from United Air Lines to purchase these airports well then you should kill this bill but I think that is done injustice and of course we don't always take that into consideration when we are debating our bills and when we are voting on them.

PRESIDENT: Richard Lewis?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Madame President and members of this body, I had hoped that I wouldn't get involved in this argument but I want to oppose Senator DeCamp's motion. I think that it has been pointed out here several times that the people who really make this contribution towards this fuel tax are the major airlines, but the beneficiary's are the small outstate airports, and I would like to ask Senator DeCamp a question if I might.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes sir.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Assuming, and I know you will agree to this, that the small outstate airport are the chief beneficiaries in this program. Now what contribution...

SENATOR DECAMP: No, they're one of the main beneficiaries. The Omaha Airport, of course, is the chief beneficiary, Omaha and Lincoln.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: This is the point I'm trying to make, they are the chief beneficiaries?

SENATOR DECAMP: To my understanding. And I'm sure Senator Waldron can confirm that.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Now, what contribution do they make towards the major airlines in the state? Do they contribute heavily to the traffic or...

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, I know we've had very few jets landing at Neligh lately. I think most of them land in Omaha and Lincoln.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I'll agree with you. So in effect, the major airlines are supporting to a large degree because the local contribution is very little on this.

SENATOR DECAMP: Well, we all know that the Omaha and Lincoln Airport is where the air traffic is. They're the beneficiaries that's where the bulk of the money is spent. They're getting the benefits.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: No, the small municipal airport is the chief beneficiary because the 75% that they get still comes from the fuel tax funds. From a national level. So they put in a very small portion to the benefit they receive. I think this is a motion that should be defeated.

SENATOR DECAMP: I don't.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Madame President, fellow members. A little bit what Senator Lewis is concerned. 75% of the airport construction funds are spent on airports that receive commercial flights. That is the regular carrier airports. And 68% of the