

airport funds are paid for by the airlines. Now that is the opposite of what you may think. That the airlines pay in less than they get back. Now just forget all of the other statistics and take one thing into consideration. The fuel price from '73 - '74 has increased 20¢ per gallon. Now what in the devil is a piddling half cent or one cent on tax refunds going to help anybody in the shade of that mountain of increased expense. Not one bit. But it'll make a tremendous difference to a place like Eppley Field and Lincoln Airport. Now particularly Eppley, because they are in a position in a metropolitan area where their Airport Authority can level no taxes whatsoever. Their money is all generated by what they can bring in as an Airport Authority and they must have these funds in the State Aeronautics Commission to make improvements in that airport to keep it attractive. Now remember, the airlines are getting back in construction that the air carrier airport more money than they are paying in and you are asking the people of Nebraska to lower what they put in. Please don't do it. Kill this bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Madame Chairman, members of the Legislature, I arise to oppose the motion to indefinitely postpone LB434. I say if you want to completely discourage any future consideration of Nebraska as a jet or an international jet air freight center. And there is still much consideration going on in the nation concerning this matter. And Nebraskas is a prime prospect for it. And for the consideration of it in the future. Just go ahead and kill this bill, because this would kill the climate at least for doing something about encouraging such an international jet air freight center. Now that's just one thing for the future to think about. The other thing is that major airlines, I do not feel, should have to pay for the operation of smaller airports that they should not have to bear the major load of that. If we, the citizens of Nebraska, feel, and I certainly feel that we do, that these small airports are an absolute necessity to Nebraska then we should be willing to pay for them and not just impose this on the major airlines whom we need desperately. The last thing I want to mention is in response to what Senator Kelly has said. I don't believe Senator Kelly is thinking about the landing fees, I don't believe this has even been mentioned. The quite sizeable landing fees paid by the major airlines for landing on our airports in this state, plus the fact that when new airport construction is conducted, such as is going on here in Lincoln now, that the major airlines had to pay a considerable amount of money for that. If you look to the outgo by the major airlines and the services they render to this state. A far location in the nation, I feel that you would agree that this bill should be passed and that this motion should be killed.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh is passing, Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: Old Man Marsh, and that incidentally is a blend of woman and man. I think everyone has been groping for a proper word to address a female chair person. I would like to support Senator Waldron and oppose Senator DeCamp, I think Senator Waldron has a good bill and why don't we vote on it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Snyder.