

they are maintained very, very vigorously by the federal government. Now because it doesn't fly as fast or as high as some of the newer planes is not a good enough reason, in my humble opinion, to spend \$750,000. So I would ask you to support my motion to remove it from the budget. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I would rise to oppose eliminating the purchase of a replacement of a...one of the state airplanes. This is not a new issue. This is one that has been up before the Legislature for at least three years, that I recall, for the simple fact that one of the airplanes needs to be replaced, as all equipment needs to be replaced in the normal course of events. Originally there was a proposal I think three years ago to try and use some of the funds collected from aviation fuel to purchase an airplane, to replace an airplane. That met with, and appropriately so, with strong resistance from those who pay gasoline...or pay the fuel tax on planes because that money is collected to improve runways, airport facilities across the state. So that was not pursued. Meanwhile the plane still needed replacing. This year there is funds, the Governor originally suggested \$1 million, which as I recall is for a new plane. During the course of a hearing a plane, according to a so-called...the blue book value I think it is, at least the book value that is available for aircraft the same as for cars would indicate that a 1983 used plane, with the hours on the engines that was a desirable type of hours to have, at least not undesirable, would run around 750,000. You could go to an older plane for 500,000. I can't help but comment, I recall 30, 40 years ago it was always an event when you bought...when you replaced the governor's car. Even 30 or 40 years ago that was kind of a big deal. I suppose when we replaced the car with the horse, whenever that was done, I suspect that was a pretty big deal too in the matter of appropriations. Now I happen to view aircraft are here to stay. You have a state that is 500 miles long. You ought to have aircraft that is safe. You ought to have aircraft that is all weather. You ought to have aircraft that can go up above a storm. It is not only...it is called the governor's plane, which is probably unfortunate, but traditionally that is what it has been referred to. But it is a plane, 8 to 10 passenger, that is utilized by any and all parts of state government. They pay