

Jet or a plane comparable to Lee Iacocca's which we've all had the opportunity to view out here in Lincoln. I know this is not a popular item when you go home to your district to say you support. But I do support this because if you have an airplane that has quantities of hours on it, and all of you have been hearing the horror stories of things that have happened to the airplane, as Senator Hannibal, as Senator Chizek, and a few people, this is no time to be fooling with the lives of the people that you are flying around the State of Nebraska. We talk about the inability for some of our government officials to communicate with those people in Scottsbluff, or Chadron, or Anselmo, or wherever it is. And we need to have this capability of transporting individuals, whether it is senators, or department heads, or the Governor, this is something that we need to do. Now an airplane of this kind, with this many hours, is undoubtedly, if it hasn't had, it is undoubtedly due for what we would call a major overhaul. Every so many hours an airplane, by standards, has to be subjected to this for safety. This is no small expense item. Valuable, yes, but no small expense item. When you stop to consider this investment in a piece of equipment that is in and of itself probably questionably safe, I think it would be foolish for us when you stop to think of the lives that you are talking about transporting, I think it would be foolish of us for not...to not make this investment. This is no time to back away from this kind of an investment. Thank you.

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Lundy.

SENATOR LUNDY: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to support the purchase of this equipment and to oppose Senator Haberman's amendment. It goes without me repeating that if people have been taking a real hard listen to the facts that have been presented by Senator Warner and others, that it is just not practical to waste money, to waste money on maintaining an old piece of equipment that cannot last very long in so doing. It makes sense to us, it did make sense to us in the Appropriations Committee to spend the dollars that are necessary to have safe transportation, as Senator Warner said, for all kinds of weather, or handling the many, many agencies of state government, including the Governor, in seeing that we have a safe type aircraft to do the business of state government. I oppose the amendment by Senator Haberman, and would ask you to also oppose this amendment. Thank you.