

SENATOR REMMERS: Senator Haberman, would you care to close?

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Lundy, they are going to take this airplane, this old airplane that you say is unsafe, and they're going to sell it. Somebody is going to buy this airplane. Now I've had a private license and have flown for 40 years, so I have just a teeny weeny little bit of knowledge about airplanes. Now nobody has mentioned the increase in cost on insurance. The insurance is going to go up, nobody has said how much. No fiscal note on that. The maintenance of this airplane is going to go up. Nobody has mentioned that. So it is not nearly \$750,000, it is much more than that. Now it's been said it is easier to transport even us when we go across the state. They won't use this big baby, they'll use a smaller plane. We have other planes available. Okay, let's don't call it the Governor's plane, but whose been using that big plane the most to go from coast to coast? Not the senators. So let's don't call it the Governor's plane, let's just say the highest officials in the state. Now it says they've got to communicate with individuals. We need this airplane so they can go out and talk to individuals. Well they can use a helicopter, they don't need to use an airplane. Now all weather, to get above the storm, Rocky Mountain Airlines services North Platte, Scottsbluff, Grand Island, Lincoln, and Omaha. They fly in the mountains, they also fly the river. They don't fly when the weather gets that bad. They sit and they call you up and say I'm sorry, the airplane isn't going. Isn't that right, Senator Baack? You bet they do. But, no, we're using as an argument we're going to buy an airplane that isn't flown commercially, with four engines, to fly above the storm. Well what are we going to do when we get there when the storm comes? We're not going to be able to land if it is a bad enough storm. We're going to have to go on west to Denver, or on east to some place else. I'll hit my last point. Somebody said it is a political unpopular issue to vote for a new airplane. You damn right it is. You go back home and tell the farmer that called me two days ago where his land values went up \$95,000, that is the value went up, and his taxes are going up \$1,890. Yes. Go talk to those people and see if this body should vote in a "new used" airplane. So I say this, think of the insurance costs, the maintenance costs are going to go up, the cost to even fly the plane are going to go up because it is going to use more fuel, it is going to