

operation and fees charged by the Airport Authority for the privilege of picking folks up, which is the source of the business and, of course, the reason people would park at that particular facility. The Airport Authority is a quasi subdivision of government, and it obviously has no taxing authority and shouldn't. But it does depend on fees. There is some concern that if, in fact, this bill, as amended by Senator Hall, back on February 13th, were successful there could be a problem in prohibition and in the law for the authority of the airport to, in fact, use fees for other offsite users and, in fact, for onsite users, such as airlines and the rest. I only suggest this because the Airport Authority, and the airport does happen to exist in my legislative district. I wish I were better versed with this issue, and I would apologize to Senator Hall, if I misunderstand the issue. We really haven't had a chance to talk about it. I apologize to him for that as well. But in any case, what I would simply ask that be done, that is the amendment as introduced by and successfully by Senator Hall inserted into the legislation and in fact is stricken. And the language, as contained in my amendment number 3119, be adopted. It just simply says an authority created pursuant to the section may pass, enforce, or maintain any ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation imposing a fee on businesses engaged in renting or leasing of automobiles and the operation of parking lots, et cetera. I won't talk anymore on it, give Senator Hall a chance to react and ask for your support for my amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I rise to oppose the motion to return the bill. The amendment that I offered, go read the transcript. I opened by saying, this amendment has not had a public hearing. If you want a reason to oppose it, this amendment has not had a public hearing. That's exactly what the transcript reads. And we went on, and I explained the amendment, and this is what the amendment does. It says, an authority created pursuant to Section 3-2502, the Airport Authority section, may not pass, enforce, or maintain any ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation imposing any tax or fee requiring any license or permit for the use of any highway, or any street, road, avenue, boulevard, or way of public access maintained by such authority. The purpose behind it was so that a fee could not be imposed on folks who have offsite parking by the Airport Authority. They couldn't charge them to come in and pick up and drop off their passengers. The