

boards to comply with the open meeting laws under Section 84-1408 and 84-1414. This amendment further requires that each county fair board's budget shall be subject to annual review, audit, and approved by the respective county board and the taxes raised for county fair purposes including construction, renovation, repair, improvements and maintenance of county fairgrounds shall not exceed the actual amount required for such purpose. Mr. Speaker, these are the committee amendments. I don't believe that the body needs any more explanation of why the Agriculture Committee felt as it did. The sponsors, this bill, and the amendments were needed and I'm sure that you will hear other explanations today. I think most of you will recall the maze of intricate and deal making between certain former board members of the Douglas County Ag. Society last year. It's unfortunate, however, that these isolated cases somehow cast a shadow on all of the good, unselfish services that other ag societies and fair boards across the state do and they have been doing this for many, many years. With that, Mr. Speaker, I would move for the adoption of the committee amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you Senator Rogers. Mr. Clerk, are there amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, there are. First of all, Senator Schellpeper, you had amendments printed last year, Senator. I have a note that you wish to withdraw that. Senator, I also had amendments provided to me yesterday that I understand are going to be withdrawn. Madam President, Senator Schellpeper would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, I have your AM2365 in front of me? (Schellpeper amendment appears on pages 180-81 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Madam Chairman and members, it's really an honor to have the first bill up this year. I think it's probably one of the better bills that we're going to have this year, too, and probably one of the easiest, so it's really an honor to have the first bill up. This amendment came about because we've had some county ag societies, or county fair boards that have moved their fairgrounds, and now they have found out that there's an old law that says that if you have a