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discussion. I think it's fair to have this. Some of the things that have been said from Senator Foley and others I think are valid questions that we as a Legislature have to come to grips with. Senator Beutler also asked us this morning on another bill, well, give us some direction. I've got all kinds of ideas. I had ideas last year and didn't seem to get very far with those either. So I recognize some limitations there as well. But for my purpose of standing up, I wanted to express my analysis of where we are, recognizing that if LR 209CA goes out there, goes on the ballot, and it would pass, we still wouldn't know whether or not the people wanted to have a State Fair or not, because it would be dependent upon the type of support that was coming from teachers, administrators, individuals that are getting education dollars from the lottery, from those individuals who are benefiting from the Environmental Trust or those dollars that are allocated for the environment. We still wouldn't have a true indicator of whether or not the state of Nebraska, the citizens, would like a State Fair. Just my thoughts, for the body's consideration. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Landis, on the Chambers bracket motion.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, members of the Legislature. I think Senator Chambers has put before us a legitimate purpose. I know he said that he was thinking of withdrawing the motion. I think it would be fair game to keep the motion. I would ask him to do that. I think it would be fair to have a bracket motion. There are a number of people who want to vote on it. I think Senator Raikes announced that fact. I'm going to guess that Senator Smith would do that. I think it's a legitimate thing to do. Probably not today; first thing tomorrow, or whenever. That doesn't...by the way, if it doesn't get bracketed, that's not going to end the debate on this issue. We'll go on from there. But a bracket motion is a legitimate tool. I would suggest to Senator Chambers that he's struck a chord with some of his colleagues; take it to a vote, let's see where we are. Now let me move on to the topic...a couple of the topics that have been brought up. One of the ones I want to talk about is Senator Chambers' position on the constitution,