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File. There are committee amendments. The body considered and adopted an amendment by Senator Landis to the committee amendments. At this time, Mr. President, the committee amendments are pending. (AM2346, Legislative Journal page 501.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, if you'd...since a weekend intervened, if you would like to bring the body up to date, briefly, on the status of LR 209CA.

SENATOR LANDIS: The focus of our attention at this point is the General Affairs Committee amendment. That amendment was offered by me in the Exec Session. We've been through a couple of bracket motions and I think we're back on the committee amendment for discussion, a vote I would assume perhaps sometime this morning, and then the fate of LR 209 that rests with the rest of my colleagues.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. First speaker this morning on the issue is Senator Price.

SENATOR PRICE: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I have sat here through, it seems like, weeks of debate on this issue, and finally I'm going to get up and speak. I worked out in the yard this weekend and did a lot of thinking. I call it therapy. Senator Chambers would probably sing this song, but I'm just going to speak it: The old State Fair, she ain't what she used to be. She ain't what she used to be. She ain't what she used to be. The old State Fair, she ain't what she used to be many long years ago. I have been...I had a...it could have almost been a duet here with Senator Chambers. I have been associated with the State Fair for years and years, and I have seen it at its peaks, and now I see it at its low point. As a nurse and as a lifesaver, I am willing to transfuse the State Fair. But yet, when we look at the State Fair back when they had the equipment here, before it moved to Grand Island to Husker Harvest Days, before we took away the money for the premiums, that what we have done is we've really cut the State Fair down to just bare bones. I come from a rural community. When you can come to the State Fair and you climb up on the equipment and dream about this on your farm, you can bring your children's pets down for exhibits, whether they're rabbits or cattle, horses, and get a