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Legislative Journal.) 20 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails and the call is raised.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator, this is your amendment on page 1943 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. This is the amendment for...which one, on the...

CLERK: Wild West Arena, Senator.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Well, Mr. President, members of the body, I'm kind of a little leery, a little shaky to go after this one after the Legislature decided to snub their nose at economic development for people for \$50,000, when we can certainly afford to do things for taking caps off for big business, we can certainly afford to put in \$8 million in research to the University of Nebraska at their whim, we can certainly afford to do a lot of things, but \$50,000 for aquaculture, because you're a little bit unfamiliar with it, I have a hard time approaching this next amendment. I wonder how the body is going to do. But we'll go ahead and forge onward anyway, because it's the right thing to do. Members of the body, there is another situation again, and I wish I could control the events, I wish I could get people to understand the process that we work under and say you know you should get things in to an appropriation so that it can be within the committee...the Appropriations Committee, should work through the process. But people in outstate Nebraska, and sometimes in the State of Nebraska they don't understand the process very well. So consequently, after the appropriations process has already begun, in fact way deep into the process, some people came to me and said, you know we have a problem, actually the State of Nebraska has a problem, could you help us. And I said, well, I can certainly try. Of course, I said the same thing to the aquaculturists, but we tried. I suspect we'll try again before it's over. This particular amendment does the following: Many years ago the Nebraskaland Days celebration, which I will admit is in my home district, North Platte, we have the Wild West Arena, and that celebration is Nebraska's celebration. It