

to the essentials of government. Senator Wehrbein mentioned some of the things that we're looking at that we've got to start looking at. We've passed crime legislation in the past and will continue hopefully to do that in the future. When we do that, that has a net result of increasing prison populations and increasing expenses we have there. We have ethanol obligations that we've already passed legislation on that do have to be funded at some point. We have education that is I think at least constitutionally considered an essential of state government. And I think what we have to look at is what are the essentials of state government and make sure that we are appropriately covering those essentials before we start moving into some of the things that may or may not be essentials. And I guess that's what the thrust of this is simply ought we be funding State Fair if we cannot seem to reach agreement on funding some of the essentials in state government and that is the thrust. It is not in any manner intended to be a shot at the FFA/4-H programs. My understanding, and I'll be corrected if I'm wrong I'm sure, but my understanding is that those programs will likely continue to be funded. That the cut that we'd be looking at would be spread over the entire State Fair operations. If I'm wrong, I'm sure I'll be corrected; but that's my understanding of how that would work if it is in fact done. So I guess the thrust of it simply is to look at prioritization of different functions to see if this is a priority that we ought to be looking at, and I would urge the consideration of the amendment by the body.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. On the Lindsay amendment, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, members, I guess we're back again to priorities. Somebody asked me, Senator Cudaback, why do you want to push this or why are you in favor of LB 429 as it was back then? And I said...this person went on to say, you don't have any kids, you don't have any nephews in this program you don't have anything. Why don't you take your money, you're a bachelor, take your money and save it? Don't fund any of these kind of programs. And I guess I said to him, it's an investment in the future. It's not for me. I'm looking for a good investment. Will Rogers once said, it's not how much you're going to get back from your investment on your investment, it's going to make sure you get your investment back. And I think this is important. We have to make sure we're going to get our investment back. We could get in back to