

are one place where you can go, you can wear your old jeans. The millionaires are not...you don't know if you have \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000 or you're a billionaire. You go there in your old raggedy jeans, your tattered and torn clothes and you're there having a good time, it's a good place, it's the backbone of our nation, the State Fair is what it's all about. You've seen the pictures and so on of your horses and cows going there and your...nowadays it has nothing to do with agriculture necessarily.

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR CUDABACK: All walks of life belong to FFA, not necessarily agriculture, all walks of life, urban, rural. It's a place to go, FFA, 4-H, that a backbone, let's support it. It's the best investment we can have. When we bought these chairs downstairs here a while back, we spent \$1,400. I remember. I wasn't even here. Senator Chambers questioned that and I questioned some of it on the floor here. And somebody made a statement to me, I won't say who it was here, but they sold me on the idea because they said you get what you pay for. You get what you pay for. Right here, you get what you pay for. It's our youth. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper on the amendment.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I also rise to oppose the Lindsay amendment. The taxpayers of this state get a very good deal with the State Fair. Up until a few years ago, the state used to fund a lot of the operations at the State Fairgrounds. They used to pay about seven or eight people, they paid a lot of the whole operations out there. And then in the mid-1980s when horse racing was very profitable, the State Fair Board said, no more funding. We can handle it ourself. Use your money someplace else. Well, as you all know where horse racing is at today. It doesn't fund very many projects. In fact, it's a losing deal that's going on out there now. In fact, every racetrack is the same way. So it's only right that this state fund something at the State Fairgrounds. The state of...this state owns all the buildings, all the grounds out there, has done spent a dime for the upkeep of all those state owned buildings. So it only seems right that they should come in and pay the 4-H and FFA premiums. They currently have been paying about \$40,000 a year when the actual expense is about almost \$200,000 a year. So rather than to put money into