

program. This is a way for positive reinforcement for a positive program. And frankly, Boy Scouts, 4-H, FFA are gangs of a sense. They're positive gangs and we're here...you probably all heard lots of comments about, and Senator Cudaback mentioned it, too, about the organization, the need for organization, positive peer interaction. That's one...this is a positive way that we can afford, I mean that we can support. And I would guess if we'd look through our entire budget we probably don't have too many dollars for positive roles for our youth to participate in. This is a way to do it. It's open for the world and it does support the State Fair operation in the process. I would not anticipate that this would grow. Some may be concerned about that. I can't speak for that. Certainly there will be requests. But it hasn't grown extensively since we did it in the 1980s when it was taken out voluntarily at that time. I won't necessarily anticipate that it will grow in the future and you can watch it on that basis because admittedly there is concern in here for that. But the committee felt that this is a nominal amount to do something positive for our youth today statewide without restriction. Anyone that voluntarily wants to go into it can enter and eventually can end up a the State Fair based on the other criteria. So I would oppose taking this out on that basis.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam...Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I also oppose the Lindsay amendment. I will be very brief as Senator Schellpeper, Cudaback and Wehrbein have covered most of the major points. One of the major reasons that I oppose the bill is that at one time I was a 4-H member and I was also a 4-H leader. Some made it to the State Fair and others did not, but this is a program that's very dear to my heart and I think it should be continued and I do oppose the Lindsay amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, question, Senator Cudaback.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Senator Cudaback.