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county at the request of a County Agricultural Society to levy a special fairgrounds maintenance tax of up to 3 1/2 cents for each \$100 of valuation. The proceeds of this tax are to be used specifically for the purpose of capital construction on or renovation, repair and maintenance of the county fairgrounds. What LB 1190 would do would allow an additional use of these funds and that would be to acquire interest in real property for use as either part, a new parking lot for example, or for all of their county fairground. The bill arises out of concerns that under the current statutes, county fairgrounds are effectively locked into the sites that they now are on. As a result, no other avenues are available to those ag societies that see a need to enlarge or move their fairground sites. LB 1190 would have an immediate impact on a number of counties. For example, Lancaster County is looking to move their fairgrounds from its current site at State Fair Park to a new location at 84th and Havelock in east Lincoln. And, likewise, for years the Dakota County and Thurston County ag societies have had a joint fair at Atokad Park. Well, now you may know that Atokad Park is no longer operating. The fairgrounds have been sold and these counties now need the authority to make arrangements to buy the existing grounds from this third party or to go somewhere else. It's important to remember that the bill, in itself, does not authorize any additional taxes. Rather, it permits county ag societies to use the levy monies that are already authorized for capital construction and repair to also use the money to acquire additional fairgrounds. Eighty-five counties in the state have agricultural societies and nobody knew for sure, the people that I asked, between one-third and one-half of those counties are already asking for this additional levy. The levy would be within the lid and the upkeep of running a fairground is actually more than running the fair, itself. For example, Dawson County in Lexington, their levy asking for their general running of their fair is 0.0045 cents, and for capital improvements or upkeep, it's 0.008, a total of 1.25 cents for both of those purposes. Lancaster County is asking currently 1...or, 0.13 cents for general maintenance and currently asking 0.18 in capital improvements, again, under the required limit of 3 1/2 cents. Before closing, there is an amendment, if you'd allow me to address that now, take a look at the bill beginning on line 12, with the word "In" and ending with the period on line 18. This language deals exclusively with counties having a