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population of more than 60,000 but not more than 350,000, and also containing a city of the primary class. So, obviously, this refers specifically to Lancaster County. That portion of the statute grants Lancaster County the authority to use the proceeds of this special fairgrounds maintenance levy for construction, repair and maintenance of both the county fairgrounds and the Nebraska State Fairgrounds. And as I mentioned earlier, Lancaster County is looking to move and so the county fair will no longer be on the state fairgrounds. There is no longer need for that specific language. The amendment now becomes the bill and, again, repeating myself, will allow ag societies to use the levy assessment which again has to be approved by the county board for purposes of maintaining and repairing an existing fairground site or to use that money for obtaining additional land. As I said, it's a simple bill and I would ask for your support in advancing it to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. On the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1190, Senator Engel.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, as Senator Hudkins alluded to, in Dakota County, Dakota and Thurston Counties have been utilizing the facilities at the Atokad Race Track for the last, oh, probably 20 years, 20, 25 years, and it's been a very cooperative partnership there and was...actually they were able to use it for little or no cost. But the thing is, Atokad has been sold to private parties who is going to allow them to remain there for a short time in the future, next 2 or 3 years, 2, 3, 4 and maybe 5 years. But they do have to start making plans for a facility of their own. So I think this is very important that they would be able to utilize these funds for not only improvements but for purchasing other property because we will have to do that, and without something like this, it'd be impossible to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Engel. Senator Schimek, would you like to...I apologize, would you like to open on the committee amendments to LB 1190.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, I don't know that I have to go into a lot of detail