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Senator Vrtiska. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 9, referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. Bill was discussed yesterday, Mr. President. At that time committee amendments were adopted. When the Legislature...I should say there were amendments by Senator Beutler that were adopted to the bill. Senator Thompson had pending AM0200. Mr. President, I understand that Senator Thompson would like to withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Senator Vrtiska, if you'd take about 30 seconds to fill us in on the...starting in the bill.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. This is a bill that would make a checkoff available for funds to give to the State Fair Park. It's a voluntary checkoff that we're putting into the statute and, of course, the real reason is, is we think that the State Fair has some real possibilities and this would help them in the direction they're trying to go in reviving the fair back to what many of the people of this state expect it to be. And so it's a simple bill that merely calls for a checkoff that's voluntary.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you for that, Senator Vrtiska. Mr. Clerk, an item on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, first amendment this morning, Senator Tyson would move to amend with FA1153. (Legislative Journal page 409.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Tyson, you're recognized to open on FA1153 to LB 72. Senator Tyson, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The purpose of my amendment is to push for a fair, but one in which you don't have to walk 7 blocks, 10 blocks, 15 blocks after you park. I'm talking about county fairs. There are county fairs all across the state of Nebraska put on by the county agricultural society, and all my amendment does is take the dollar checkoff and send it to the county agricultural society for the benefit of the county fairs. We have a great county fair in Madison, Nebraska,