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but we don't know that, so I'm willing to go along until such time as so we don't have to draw on the General Fund at a time when we don't need to take any more money out of the General Fund. So I concur with what has been said by Senator Landis insofar as the future of the fair. If it can't demonstrate within the next three years that it's a viable, lively, going institution, then maybe we need to rethink the whole thing. It was my thoughts back when we were...when I served on the Fair Board that we needed some changes and I expressed that. We made those changes. We brought in new dynamic leadership. We brought in a foundation that has some people who have a desire to assist in the direction the fair needs to go. Put those things together and I would say that this is just one little step, LB 72 is just one little step, to do what we think needs to be done in order to get the word out to the public that the fair is out there. If you think it's something that you want to go and see during the year, you should do that, but it gives an extra measure of hope for the future of the fair. And, again, if those hopes don't come to fruition, then maybe we need to take another look. But right now we're looking at a complete change in the direction the fair has been and the direction it's going, so I hope you would support not only Senator Connealy's amendment to do what is the right thing, but also support the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. There are no further lights on. Senator Connealy, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Once again, this amendment stretches out the time period so it's not just the first year that we can recoup for the start-up costs. I was one of the ones that were in opposition to getting this bill out of committee. With this amendment, I can support it. I'm worried that we don't have a guarantee that we would raise enough money the first year to recoup the start-up costs. This will allow us to take it out of the second year or the third year if we need to, so I'd hope that you can support this amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: You've heard the closing on AM0221. Members, all in favor please vote aye, and opposed vote nay. Please