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for that checkoff purpose. We could reach the point on checkoffs that we have reached with reference to license plates. Everybody who has a notion, every organization wants to come to the Legislature and say, stamp out a special license plate unique to my group, my organization, my status, and because people want to be collegial, they tend to go along with that kind of activity. But we are a State Legislature, doing the public's business, and we are to exercise good judgment, not just friendliness, not just going along to get along, not just to do a favor to a colleague or to some operation which has stumbled and bumbled for I don't even know how many years. I'm not going to support this bill. I would like to have had an opportunity to vote for Senator Thompson's amendment that would say any amount of money derived by way of the checkoff would be an offset against what the General Fund would put into these activities. I'd like to ask Senator Vrtiska a question or two.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Vrtiska, would you yield?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Vrtiska, first of all, I want you to know nothing I say is an attack on you or what you're trying to do. I'm trying to be as objective as I can.

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the most compelling argument that you can give to justify the State Fair being retained through the expenditure of general tax money and this checkoff?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the compelling... I guess a compelling answer that I can give you, Senator Chambers, is that the people who go to the fair obviously enjoy it. It's a day of entertainment. It's a time or week or month or 10 days or 11 days, whatever it is, of entertainment people enjoy. People, some people, enjoy going to affairs, different affairs, and this gives an opportunity for them to do that. The bill that I've introduced is not going to cost you anything unless you want to contribute.