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either going to go or they're not going to go. This checkoff, maybe it's right, maybe it's wrong, I don't know, but at least maybe it will give us a clue. It may give us a clue here. They may say, hey, we don't want this. We'll find out. Senator Landis is right here, we'll find out. It's going to be embarrassing if we only get two checkoffs, Vrtiska and mine. You know, that might be kind of bad, but at least it's there. I guess that's all I can say. I just... I don't know, you know, time will dictate. Time will dictate. You know what? That may not be all bad. Time will dictate. What's wrong with that? Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the argument that the checkoff is voluntary is alluring on its face. That same argument could be used to offer the opportunity to make a checkoff on anything we want to put on that form and say if the public does not want to check it off, what harm has been done? It costs money to implement this notion. It would cost money to implement any checkoff. So why, as Senator Redfield put .pointed out, if they quoted her correctly, should the State Fair be given that position of priority when it cannot make it despite all the infusions of blood, of plasma, of energy drinks? Everything imaginable has been infused into that State Fair operation and everything has failed. And there is no Jesus walking around today. For those of you all who know the story, there was a woman who had gone to all these doctors and not any of them could do her any good, and Jesus was walking around like he always does and this woman came through the crowd and touched the hem of his garment and she was healed. There is no magical garment for the State Fair to touch and be healed. She stated she had gone to all these doctors and not one could do her any good. The State Fair has gone to doctors, veterinarians, quacks, psychics. Nothing has worked. I'm sure there are people who have prayed over the situation, because some people pray for everything. It has not worked and this is not going to work. How many times should the Legislature go down these dead ends which make the Legislature look ridiculous? And it's difficult for me then to defend us as an institution, which I nevertheless will do and will argue that when you have a body