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owned by the state of Nebraska, the buildings are owned by the state of Nebraska? The...there's no rent that has been paid by the State Fair for this, so it's been managed strictly by virtue of the state of Nebraska making these contributions to the State Fair and it still is running in the negative. Were you aware of that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No. Had I been aware of that, I wouldn't have said other...I would have said some other things than I did and I probably would have been more forceful in my opposition.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you. I think that this matter of the State Fair, I've been concerned as I read in the paper. I still don't think that they have identified what the need is of the State Fair. I see reports saying, well, now we perhaps need to involve more rural activities, or more urban activities, and I think it's still an ill-defined thing. I have a lot of respect for Mr. Lloyd. I think he is trying very hard, but I think it's almost an event that's seeking a purpose, and that's my concern. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I feel a need to tell you why I pulled the amendment from yesterday. I guess I thought I would consider it on Select File if I had some...had support to do so from members of the body, and then if this bill doesn't pass then, of course, that would be a moot point. I do think, however, by the time we get to the end of this legislative session, we're not going to be able to talk about entertainment venues or venues that bring people together to display their products. Having sat through just a couple weeks of the Appropriations Committee and watching all the programs that are being cut, all the employees who are going to be laid off who are doing things that are direct service to people, the 10 percent cuts across the board in agencies are not only to state funds, they are to federal matching funds, and these go to programs that help the disabled, to people in communities across the state, and my observation thus far, and we're only partway through and I'm probably speaking a little out of turn here, but my impression so far is that a lot of hits