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are going to happen in the rural areas because we won't be able to support the program that happens in the rural communities because it doesn't serve enough people, and when we have to cut employees we'll manage those things out of Lincoln. And it's real hard for me to listen to this discussion about an entertainment venue, and I know we have different views on whether that's entertainment or what its purpose is, but...and I agree with Senator Redfield...as I look through this budget and see so many things that we hold dear, that we value as a state, that are higher in priority to me than having a State Fair funded by other than their own means of doing so, I find it very, very difficult. And I put the amendment up yesterday mainly to get that discussion going. I don't know if we, as a Legislature, are going to want to continue to put...and this year we didn't but we would under the Governor's proposal...to put General Fund money, taxpayer money, into the fair for its operation and for paying prize money. I guess I had the sense that maybe this bill wasn't going to pass, maybe I'm wrong, and I pulled the amendment, but I don't think it's not worth discussion on Select File and if those of you who have come to me and were concerned that I did pull that amendment, you know, I'm willing to talk to you and talk about that on Select File should this pass. But I do think that we're...that the role of a state in this budget crisis and what we're going to have to do to the people of the state in terms of education, health, human services, the populations that can't protect themselves because of disability, because of special circumstances they may be in at any given time, that those things have to take priority over something like this that is kind of a quasi-governmental function. Senator Pederson is correct, we do own parts of the fair, as a state, and we have an interest in that, but in the budget crisis we're in it is a little peculiar that we're choosing this as our priority. And I'll fight the other battles in...on other days on whether or not we should restore money this year to the State Fair from the General Fund, but...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...I have concerns about doing this as a bill. I'll tell you that when we started the fair discussion a couple years ago, I started asking every group that I spoke in