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SENATOR VRTISKA: I think that's general knowledge of most people, particularly those that go to the fair regular.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what is this money that is to be raised to be used for?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, the purpose is the same thing that any organization that tries to raise money, is to continue the operation of the fair, and with the new leadership that's in place now, with the foundation that's been developed, I think we'll find a new direction for the fair and, of course, that's my whole reason for doing this, is to alert the public that we have an institution out there that is mainly for the purpose of the youth of this state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, but why do we have to use this methodology? Why not let that leadership and that foundation go out and raise some money? Let them go to Warren Buffett and some of these others who are civic minded, if indeed they are, and if indeed they believe that the fair is serving that great a societal purpose.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, Senator, I don't know why it's such a big issue. People don't have to contribute if they don't want to. You don't have to go to a picture show if you don't want to spend the money. You don't have to do any of these things if you don't want to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I know that, but we're not talking about people going to the fair.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I'm talking...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: We're talking about the state spending money to put something on a form that's a part of the taxing system. That's why I'm saying this, or do you...let me ask you this question. Are you saying that it will cost no money to implement this checkoff system?

SENATOR VRTISKA: It will cost only those who contribute,