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extent we should, to me the State Fair does not rise to that level. And particularly in a year when we're looking at a huge budget deficit and lots of other issues, we're going back again to the issue that we've had for 5 or 6 years through studies, discussion, and now we're deciding whether we want to put into the constitution or an amendment for people to vote to put into the constitution funding for the State Fair. I think that's a huge stretch for what our responsibilities are as senators. I don't think it's appropriate to put it in the constitution and I think we really need to have that serious discussion about the State Fair and where it's heading. And Senator Smith, kind of in response to what you said, one of the things that I...

SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...have always been struck by as a citizen in Nebraska was that the Lincoln economic developers, when things happened in this state must have been some...a really, really good batch of people. They got state government. They got the university. They got the prison, and they got the State Fair. And I don't think you see that in any other state in the country. And they are all on the eastern border. So maybe some of the reasons the State Fair is struggling is that it has to do with how many things Lincoln supports--and the state tournaments--in its community. But people who don't attend the State Fair anymore, I mean we've heard about how much...how the buildings are rundown. As Chairman of 309 and as a member of that committee, we struggled with all the issues out at the State Fairgrounds and how much money wasn't over the years put into that effort to keep the buildings up and a request, quite frankly, to put those problems ahead of all other...

SENATOR VRTISKA: Time.

SENATOR THOMPSON: ...needs in the state. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Thompson. Senator Landis, Landis amendment to the General Affairs amendment. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. Senator Vrtiska, members of the