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keep putting fuel in, and we still never get to where we want it to go. We need to fix some of the things that are leaking or draining some of the money away. So I think what they've done already at the State Fair is...they have a new manager there; that would be like putting in a rebuilt engine in a car. It's going a lot better, and I am in favor of that. But I'm really concerned with the total direction of it. I really truthfully think State Fair has got a lot of value. If we're only contributing the \$300,000 from the state or whatever, I look at Iowa State Fair; Iowa state contributes \$7 million to the state fair. So that is quite a bit different than what we're doing here in Nebraska. Iowa state has a wonderful state fair. A lot of people do go to Iowa State Fair. So those are some of the things that I am trying to weigh in my mind. I would...I think for the kids, the competition, it's very important to still have the State Fair. Whether it's in Lincoln or whether it's in Grand Island, that remains to be seen. I do not think that combining it with the Husker Harvest Days is a good idea, but that's my own opinion. But I'm not totally against moving it to Grand Island. And those are my comments, and I'll be listening to the rest of the debate. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Next speaker on the Landis amendment to the General Affairs amendment on the bill, Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: I believe, Senator Vrtiska, we're on Senator Chambers' motion to bracket at this time.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Excuse me. We are on Senator Chambers' motion to bracket.

SENATOR LANDIS: Okay. Fine. Thank you. I want to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by Senator Chambers with respect to this amendment to make a few points. Senator Aguilar made a point about the fact that he thought that Lincoln was the only beneficiary of the State Fair. And that's his perception. And if it is widely held, this ballot proposal will fail. In fact, we will learn that the money we're now spending for the State Fair may be ill-advised. If the state of Nebraska essentially says, it's not our State Fair, it's Lincoln's fair,