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SENATOR VRTISKA: One minute.

SENATOR STUHR: ...sort of the conflict that I have right now. Senator Landis is working very hard to convince us that this is the proper place to put this. But somehow we need to support this activity in our state. As I say, it's a great tradition. I think it's a tradition that needs to continue but it does have to have some funding to do so. Thank you.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. I love my job. I have to tell you that because where else can someone that has never been engaged in the law follow a conversation on Constitutional Law 101 between Senators Landis and Chambers. And I understand what they're talking about. That aside, I am not going to speak to the bracket. I would like to speak to the underlying bill. Times have changed. Nebraska has changed. There certainly is, as we've heard repeatedly, there is competition for our entertainment dollar. The State Fair, I believe, has suffered from poor management, a lack of vision, resistance to change. In fact, it's expensive. Those funnel cakes, you can hardly afford to buy those things anymore. For 9 years I took my young children, 9 years in a row I took my young children to the State Fair every year. It was a family tradition and I had to beat them with a stick to get them to go. They just hated going to the State Fair. It was the same thing every year, the same cow barns, and we walked the cow barns and the hog barns. We ate the funnel cakes and we spent the day as a family. Now I couldn't get them there with a larger stick. Now what does that say about the State Fair? It says that it needs to change and we have leadership at the State Fair level now, with a new board; Pat Lloyd is doing, I think, a terrific job, and with all that being said the State Fair deserves to be saved. It's an institution and, like it or not, some institutions deserve to have the respect given to them that they've earned, and our State Fair has that...has gained that respect in my opinion. Senator Cudaback is passionate about the State Fair because he's been to it for 50 years. It's part of his history, part of his being. And I think this body should be