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SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I also rise in favor of Senator Louden's amendment. And you know, I think the irony is this. We have a State Fair that actually used to be also the same place of a county fair, but now there's two separate events there, and so I think there's some questions as far as the city's and the county's support or desire to see the revenue continue to come to Lincoln. But I think what Senator Louden is asking us to do is to evaluate something that I think is important. I actually showed livestock at the county fair, and I've also showed livestock at the Nebraska State Fair. I've been to the State Fair a number of times recently, as well as when I was obviously there showing livestock. But recently, there hasn't been a whole lot of desire to see western Nebraska come to the State Fair. And the way is, there's no advertising done. There's nothing done in that manner. Senator Louden is asking us, is, let's put it out there, and you guys are already advertising here in eastern Nebraska; here's your chance to continue to advertise, but to bring people to western Nebraska. I think it would be great. I think it would be fantastic, Senator Cudaback. They could all drive by, stop at Riverdale, you could provide them a dinner. Maybe you could have your corn dog stand on the side of the Interstate there, right? And then they could move on out to western Nebraska, have a great time at a State Fair. We would also be in a better proximity for the population of Colorado as well. The front range is growing exponentially. So that would be a draw as well. And depending upon how we ran this, this would...this may be a great idea. So I'm in support of Senator Louden's idea. I think it's reasonable. I think it's as reasonable as anything we're being asked to consider here today. And I hope that you will also support it when we get a chance to vote on it. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Erdman. And your light is on next. Senator Erdman waives. Senator Louden. Senator Erdman called the question. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question has been called. All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.