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SENATOR ENGEL: Debate ceases. Senator Louden, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I'd like to have a call of the house. This is an idea that I brought forward, and I think it's something that...

SENATOR ENGEL: Could you hold on just a second?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay.

SENATOR ENGEL: There has been a request to place the house under call. Shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. (23 ayes, 0 nays to go under call.) The house is under call. Senators, please report your presence. Senator Louden, if you'd like to continue your closing, and...

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Engel and members. This is an amendment that I thought I would bring forward to really improve on the State Fair. At the present time, you have a facility down there that's probably quite valuable land. I'm sure it's...the facilities are worth a lot more than what any facilities are out in Mitchell. There could probably be better utilization of this land here when it's sitting down here in downtown Lincoln. And I think the time has come that probably we have to think of some other places to have this type of a facility. It's hard to get trucks and that sort of thing in and out of there. You have traffic problems getting in and out. If you happen to have State Fair while the football game is on, it's usually traffic congestion all over town. Hard to find places to stay when the State Fair and football games are going on. And the demographics have changed considerably. Look at how your city has supported...what they do to support the State Fair football games. I hadn't been to Lincoln for several years, and when I first came back down here, I wondered why all of these restaurants and bars and whatever were north of O Street down there around 10th, 11th, and 12th, in that area. And after I went to the first football game, I realized why all of these restaurants and that sort of thing had located there.