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They're promoting the football team. This is a big industry for Lincoln. I don't think the fair has been in the forefront of Lincoln's interests for several years. If it was, it wouldn't be in the shape it's in. There's no reason why that couldn't have been making money all the time that it's been going. But somebody went to sleep at the switch, and I think now has come the time that we should probably move it someplace else, get it out into the countryside, or get it into an area where they have the support of the communities and work for a State Fair. It isn't uncommon for State Fairs to be in other parts of the state. It doesn't necessarily have to be in the state capital. Every...the major part of a fair is to have the support of the community. If you don't have the support of the community then it's very hard to make a State Fair work. I don't care how much money you pump into it. But when you're talking about trying to pump \$2 million a year into it, and then you've got this thing...

SENATOR ENGEL: One minute.

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...in the back of your hip pocket for \$33 million, this is something that has to be considered. If it goes west to Mitchell, I grant you, you'll have a top-notch State Fair, and it won't cost you \$2 million a year, or \$33 million worth of improvements in facilities. Thank you.

SENATOR ENGEL: Thank you, Senator Stuthman (sic). The house is under call. Senator Jones, Senator Chambers, and Senator Aguilar, would you record your presence. Senator Aguilar, would you please record your presence. Roll call vote has been requested. The question is the adoption of the Stuthman (sic) amendment to the amendment to LR 209CA. All those in favor...oh, I'm sorry. Mr. Clerk, please call the roll. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: There should be a correction. It's not a Senator Stuthman amendment. It's a Louden amendment.

SENATOR ENGEL: I beg your pardon. Senator Louden's amendment. It's been requested to be in reverse order. Mr. Clerk, call the roll.