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SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Tyson, you've started to speak, and so I think at this time you have the time to speak, but not to call the question.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you. Actually, I didn't mean that. No thank you. (Laughter) But I would make a few points, and I'll make them very quickly. The first point I would make is, this is not proper material for inclusion in the constitution, if for no other reason--and overlooking yesterday's eloquence on the part of Senator, what's his name, Chambers--once you have it in there, how do you get it out? You'll also have to get it out from a vote of the people. That would be a very sticky situation. It could be there forever. Point number two. Regardless of what it may have been in the past, the State Fair is now a mercantile interest of the city of Lincoln. And I think that when their own county can't support the fair, I think they should. The third point I would make is that it has been mentioned several times here that they have new, forward-looking management. And what did the management do? They laid off nine people to save a hundred and some thousand dollars, nine people who were doing something, rather than go to the top of the stack and cut somebody that was perhaps not as productive in a true sense of the word. The problem is that even massive infusions of money--not the \$2 million, massive infusions of money--would not be sufficient to correct the building situation, which is the result not of years, not of decades, but of generations of neglect. The nature of the population of Nebraska has changed. Territorially, we are an agricultural state. Demographically, we are an industrial state. The population has moved one way; the fair has stayed the same. If you will recall, just a few years ago, when the Soviets disintegrated, people were able to move back and forth in Europe. Prior to that time, prior to the time of the wall and the guarded border, people left there in enormous numbers. They voted with their feet. I would point out to you that the citizens of Nebraska have done that, and will continue to do so, because the State Fair now, while as an institution it might want to exist somewhere, is out of time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.