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small reward for what you have brought, those were the days. Those days are behind us. But like I said, I'm not going to put millions and millions into this, and I would imagine this is a pretty good way of funding the fair, and then we can see, with a new director, how it's going to be. And of course, when the county officials moved out to 48th and Holdrege, of course that took away from the fair even more, and it may have even competed with the State Fair. But I'm just saying that I'm willing to transfuse it. I'm opposed to lottery, games of chance, gambling and so forth, but let's give the State Fair just a little boost, see what we can do, give it a chance. I'm not willing to relocate it and spend millions and millions and millions of dollars and move it to another location, because it's tradition. I know what is done for the city. We look at the basketball tournaments these weekends, what they do for the city. But, like I say, I will vote to support this legislative resolution. The people, my e-mails, have said, yes, support the fair; others have said let it go, cut it loose, let it go. So I thought it was time that I speak my piece, and I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me this time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Price. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, same song, second verse. You know, I hate to stand up here and I think most people's minds are probably made up on this issue, and certainly the senators, every senator here that is in so-called opposition, I don't think there's really anybody here really opposed to it down as far as the benefits and all this kind of thing. But everybody has their opinion. Every senator here has a right to think how he thinks. And this is an issue there probably is no really any right or wrong on; it's just how we see it. A lot of issues are like this. There's nothing cut. You know, there's...I just wanted to make one point before you forget I'm talking, which is easy to do. We keep talking about numbers, numbers, numbers, numbers. I don't care what it was 20 years ago. I care what it is now. Think of it--almost a quarter of a million people. That's two hundred...almost 250,000 people. I mean just think, a quarter of a million people, that's larger than any event, I think, in Nebraska. I don't know how many attend the football game. I'm not really a