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do, is to figure out how we can get the most good out of it. Because this is an ag state and we got to keep the State Fair going so the kids can bring their livestock and things down here to compete and see how they turn out, and so they can have something to take back home and show people. Again, I want to support this. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Beutler. Is Senator Beutler in the Chamber? Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Right now, I think the State Fair has a source of revenue for funding as the checkoff is coming...is coming along. I don't see where setting up an extra infusion of \$2 million a year would improve the situation that much. They...when you look at what some of the committee is wanting to do, after they...after they get this money and run it for a year or so, then they're talking about they need 75,000 square-foot building, some of the updating to the horse racetrack and that sort of thing, you're talking about a long-range plan that's going to eat up a lot of money. And I think this is something that if we get into it there, there will be a never-ending case of having to supply money to them to keep their program working. At the present time, I think there's like \$27 million or \$28 million that the city of Lincoln receives, or benefit from, from having the State Fair here, with business and that sort of thing that comes in. So I think some place along the line there has to be some community support for it. There's also their tourist money that they can, local tourist lodging fees, that can be used to help work on these facilities and do some repair work for that, and some of it is just a case that...where the Fair Park is isn't a very good place to have something of this nature. It isn't the best place in the world for a racehorse track, right in downtown Lincoln, so some of these things that may have come to the end of its time. It was...in the early years, why, it was out at the edge of town; it worked pretty good. Now you have the city built up all around it. You have the railroad tracks on one side. Something has to be done, a multimillion dollar project, in order to get traffic in and out of the place being as since the railroads are set up the way they are. There's probably more coal train traffic through there now than there were in the