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the state board. They also already have a revenue stream. There's money being sent towards it and I think, if the city of Lincoln and this area wants a State Fair, then I think they need to get their resources from some of the local people in the area. And I'll return any of my time left to Senator Chambers, if he wishes to have it.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, you have two and a half minutes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Louden. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, Senator Louden is right. If Lincoln wants this so much, and Lancaster County wants it so much, let them ante up the money. Let them belly up to the bar and take it over, instead of coming up to the trough and swilling from the lottery funds. This money should not go to the State Fair. But if you were doing it statutorily, I assure you there would be a different kind of argument from me than the kind I can give here now. Because anybody can bring any matter to the Legislature to try to have legislation to address that matter in the way he or she pleases. Obviously, anybody can bring a proposal to the Legislature to amend the constitution and then submit it to the people. Well, when you look at how the people do things, you know that they're not well-informed. You know that they do not have a great amount of concern for what happens to state government. While on the one hand telling us not to cut certain programs that mean a great deal to them, they will say you're raising the taxes, they're too high already,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...cut the taxes. So the public is not informed, but we are supposed to be, and we're supposed to know better. I have never brought anything like this to befoul the constitution. The only time I offer amendments that could be considered frivolous is when something like Senator Schrock brought us to put hunting, fishing, and trapping into the constitution, that's when I will get down on the level where that thing is, to show my colleagues, to the extent I can, just what it is that is being presented for the Legislature to tell