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Chinese interests that are establishing, they're opening manufactories within the United States and providing jobs to Americans. A lot of steel is being utilized in these manufacturing operations, so in some parts of the country where because the demand for steel was not what it had been, those people are now looking at jobs. One of the main arguments that was given as to why this is done is because there are no transportation or shipping costs made, I meant that have to be paid, because the product has been brought to where the market for the product exists. That was a long way of getting around to what I wanted to talk about in terms of the inappropriate location of the Nebraska State Fair. It's located in Lincoln, Nebraska, which is not an area where most of those who are going to be involved with the fair live. It's not close to those people who would visit the fair because they enjoy what it is that the fair does primarily. It is not likely that the location of the fair is going to change unless there is considerable reason given for making that change. If we would take away state funding, but there are people who still want to see a State Fair, there would be serious discussions about locating it someplace where it can have a chance to survive; not through repeated infusions of money from the General Fund or cockamamie notions of putting a guaranteed amount into the constitution that will go to the State Fair Board. This amendment I'm offering, in all seriousness, I stated when we were discussing that LR 209CA, which was a constitutional amendment to give a percentage of the lottery take to the State Fair, so this should not come as a surprise to anybody who paid attention. I have a proposal that I would make, if Senator Wehrbein would join me in a bit of discussion on this issue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, what I'm going to ask does have a precedent. There was a bill, I meant there was some money that was to go to Corrections and I had asked that we take it out of the appropriations bill and deal with it separately. Would you agree to lifting this item from the appropriations bill pursuant to my amendment because that's the way it would