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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I was on the verge of taking Senator Chambers up. But I want to make some points on the Nebraska State Fair. It's important to me as it is unimportant, if I may say, to Senator Chambers. But as I read the LR 209CA, there was 30 votes that wanted to keep the Nebraska State Fair into the future. And as I read LR 209CA, if it goes on the ballot, it's going to give a chance to the people of Nebraska to say yes or no to the future of the Nebraska State Fair. Opponents and proponents tend to agree with that position, I believe. I want good and thorough discussion on the budget bill, but I think also in due time we have to get the budget bill passed through here, and there's many, many bits and pieces that can or cannot fall apart. And I don't want to hurry it, but I...as I've seen the discussion this afternoon, there's quite a bit of discussion, but there hasn't been a lot of votes, or amendments filed. Actually, I think some may well come on Select File, as they have historically. So as I was saying before, I'm on the verge of accepting Senator Chambers, let AM3216 go to a vote, and I probably will support taking it out at this time. I fully intend to file an amendment back on, either...there's some way...different ways to do it, reconsideration, I can file a \$300,000 flat, which would be a different amendment. But...and I may wait till Select File. But those of you in here have to make those decisions. And as right as I stand here, I can't read every one of what your minds are. But it does move us forward. My sense is that it...either way, LR 209CA is standing on its own, and this debate is not...they're not directly connected. That's my sense. I tried to connect them, and I didn't get along very good with Senator Chambers on that one. (Laugh) So if there's no further discussion and we go to a vote on this--and I don't think there's very many speakers up there. It looks like we're dangerously close, from my perspective, to a vote on AM3216, and when you do have to make a decision, because this other issue of packaging things and moving forward, not only do I not know where the body is on that, but I've heard some distaste expressed in here about that methodology, and I don't want to stand in the way of serious debate on these issues. So it makes a serious...because I realize some of these serious...or issues, are very, very serious to many of you, not only how we're going to fund it, but where we're going to find the money, and how