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vote in favor of AM3216. And, Senator Wehrbein, if I could ask you a question. You've got a difficult task, at best, being the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, and I certainly recognize that and, as much as possible, want to support you in what you're doing there. I also recognize that you have conflicting allegiances here. On one hand, the State Fair is very important to you. I believe the prize money which can help participation is important to you. You want that to happen and, at the same time, as the Chair of the Appropriations Committee, you know the difficult decisions that we've got to make here. So you're in the midst, as all of us are, of being pulled in more than one direction.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR PREISTER: What I thought I heard you say, Senator Wehrbein, is that in the interest of moving forward, you would be willing to vote for AM3216 at this point, and then at a later point put an amendment up to get the votes to put it back into the budget. But as you were talking it was kind of...you were having a moment to collect your thoughts and put on the spot to do it all at the same time on the mike. So I just want to ask you, and this would be my question, would you state your position? Are you willing to vote for this? Is that something, even though you don't like it, that you're willing to do at this time?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes.

SENATOR PREISTER: So, Mr. President, could I ask Senator Wehrbein that question?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Wehrbein, will you respond?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Senator Preister, thank you. Yes, I have made my decision. If this comes to a vote in the near future, doesn't...this afternoon, if this was to come to a vote, I will vote to take it out with the promise that I will refile it at a future date to put it back in, and we'll debate...continue debate on the budget as a whole.