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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I haven't spoke on this issue yet today, but I want to bring a couple...bring up a couple things that I'm very much concerned about. The premiums that go to the State Fair, the individuals that entered the State Fair last year did not receive any premiums. We have the atmosphere in the communities where they did accept that last year, but they were...more or less thought, you know, one year, and maybe next year we'll get that premium back. A lot of the kids in the 4-H and FFA programs, you know, really rely on that support money to help them in their funds of education down the road. What I am hearing is that, you know, if we're not going to get premium money again, you know, is it really worth going to the State Fair? So when you hear that, you know, when we're making a decision, you know, not to fund the State Fair, the premium portion of it, you know, are we as a legislative body part of the problem or part of the solution to try to save the State Fair? If they don't want to save the State Fair, well, then so be it. But I'm really concerned about this and I'm totally supportive of taking a vote on this right now. But in the discussion here today about the 25 votes to take it out and the 25 votes to put it back in, now, I have not been down at this legislative body very long yet. This is just my second year. But from what I have learned, and I attempt and I listen a lot, I think it's going to take a few more votes to get it back in than the 25. Yes, it's going to take 25 when it comes to that time, but I think in the process I think it's going to take maybe eight more votes than that to get to the point where we're going to have to have the 25 votes to put it back in. So that is a concern of mine also. But maybe I'm a little bit concerned about that, but I'm probably willing to take a chance. Realistically, I think our main emphasis is, do we want to do anything as a state, you know, to try to help the youth in the state of Nebraska, or do we want to avoid things to help the youth in the state of Nebraska? That is an underlining issue in my concern. Maybe we need to add some more money into corrections if we don't want to add it to the youth for the