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SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Louden. Now Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, there have been some interesting ideas circulated today, and I think we should all be open to them. I'm not sure if I'm as worried as Senator Vrtiska about any precedent that this would set, because this is a fairly unique situation. States all over the country support with state funds their state fair. If we don't want to have one, or we don't want to have the state fund it, we can do that. We would be unique. But it is a...I think, a unique kind of thing. With regard to the local contribution, that's not an unreasonable request, I don't think. I would hope that you would keep it broad so that a combination of city, county, private sources, the combined resources of the community can be used to provide the share. And I would hope also, if you were going to do that, that you would not require that 10 percent would...whatever money you came up with locally, that that could be applied to the acquisition of the state funds. That is, if, for example, you...\$2.1 million was allocated, if you couldn't raise \$210,000 but you could raise only \$200,000, I would hope that it would be structured so you could then have transferred to you as much of the state money as you provided a match for, rather than an all-or-nothing kind of situation, depending on the amount that was transferred. In any event, I assume those are mechanics that can be worked out, but certainly not an unfair request. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the longer we go, the further we go, the curiouser and curiouser this all becomes. Senator Vrtiska, I want to say to you, and I want to say to Senator Byars, and I want to say to Senator--although he's not here--Senator Adrian Smith, way out there on the other side of the state, forget it. You think you're going to get something along the lines of what Omaha and Lincoln get? Oh, you know you're not going to get it. Okay, Senator Vrtiska is shaking his head no. He knows that it's not going to be a fair deal across the board. What we're talking about now, as I listen, is a complicated statutory scheme, not something that should be put into the constitution. Senator