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the things that you're saying. But the Nebraska State Fair has been around for well over a century, obviously. And it offers some things to many communities across the state that I don't think any of us all really recognize. Schools use it. I...we've had all those kind of things that...how broad the support is across the state. Maybe not in attendance, because of its...the vastness of the state, they may not come in as far as we'd like from the west. But then again, I think that's why it's important to have it in the eastern part, where we have most of our population. And literally, that population is increasing every day in the Omaha-Lincoln area. I think we need to celebrate our heritage, and I think the State Fair is one way that that can be done. And agriculture is a part of that. And I think once the people of Nebraska would have a chance to do that, and this becomes a referendum on that, that they will make that decision. And if they don't, so be it. So if there was another way to have a referendum, perhaps that would be better than the constitutional amendment. On the other hand, we have a dedicated source in the property tax, by the way, to county fairs. And I don't...I think most people support county fairs out across the state. I see no reason that that can't continue at the State Fair, with new blood that's being injected into it, with new ideas. Obviously, we've talked about the decline in recent years. But I think there's a real chance of bringing it back. And these kinds of things, even this discussion, should be able to contribute to that. So I urge your strong consideration of this, if this isn't going to be in a perfect amendment, at least something close to it, and ultimately LR 209. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I think Senator Bourne maybe brings a good idea here. But it's not a constitutional idea; it's a statutory idea. I would think it would be entirely appropriate to introduce a bill next session and propose some lottery money for the State Fair, along with a sharing arrangement with the city of Lincoln. That would seem entirely reasonable. If the Legislature next session decided that was a good idea, they could pass the bill, and we could be on our way. But..and in fact, it wouldn't take much...it would