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be about as quick to do that as it would to do this constitutional amendment. This is just simply a bad idea. This is...to try to put something like this in the constitution in the first place, and then negotiate details of a sharing arrangement, and then also put that in the constitution, to me, is crazy. I know that there have been...Senator Landis has pointed out that some of the things that are in the constitution are...I guess he quoted, maybe in other than constitutional language, maybe. But let's not contribute to that. Let's make a judgment about the State Fair as a legislative body. Let's keep the discretion that is now accorded the Legislature for the allocation of those lottery monies. And again, I'm one of those who believes the Legislature has acted responsibly in allocating those monies, even given, and certainly given, the intent of use of those funds for environment and educational uses. If you need a vote, an opinion poll of the public on the State Fair, I think there are much more effective ways to do it than running it through the election process. I just simply think this is a bad idea. Again, I think Senator Bourne's idea is probably one that ought to go in the mix, but as a proposed statutory change, not something to be put in the constitution. So I oppose Senator Bourne's amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This is not a bad deal, except I don't think it should be limited to Lincoln. Because I think we have got enough accountants in Madison County, especially if we get to pay some of these funds that Senator Bourne talks about, we get to pay them in kind. We will gladly give anybody 10 percent if we get 90 percent back, and we would like it in plain, unmarked bills. The point that I'm laboriously striving for is that I was told several weeks ago by one of the...one or several of the lobbyists that were pushing this that Lincoln already makes some sort of a contribution to it, and now they can get something back for it. I think that's wonderful. The problem is that the Nebraska State Fair is something like the Cuban Revolution. The revolution is dead, but they haven't completed the paperwork.