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That is the same thing with the State Fair. It's dead, but they haven't completed the paperwork. If it wasn't dead, if it was just moribund, we wouldn't be talking here. What they want is a permanent access to the goodie tray. And that is what we are talking about not giving them. Not only is the Bourne amendment a very poor idea, I would submit to you, but so is LR 209CA, because it puts into statute a permanent gravy train for the benefit of relatively few people, and here I'm talking about the commercial interests of Lincoln. If this is such a good deal, let them pay for it. One dollar in for ten dollars back? That's not a bad idea. And they should elect Senator Bourne whatever office he wants, king of Lincoln, for doing something like that. We are talking about the same type of an occurrence that was in the Bible, about the wicked steward that went out and cheated his master. And the master told him that he was a first-class steward because he was feathering his own nest. That is what the State Fair does. But when push comes to shove, the Lancaster County Commissioners, being bright-eyed and with an eye towards the good of Lancaster County, put the Lancaster County Fair far away from the Nebraska State Fair. Why? They would like people to get there, they would like people to be able to park with ease, they would like to have people enjoy themselves. So they have a new building, they have parking lots, all the things that these neglected remnants, these...I was about to say "relics," but a relic actually is the person left after a spouse dies; it's a synonym for a widow, I believe. Anyway, Lancaster County, home of the Nebraska State Fair, won't support the State Fair. But they have people coming here saying, we're not going to do it because we're not fools; but since you are, why don't you do it? Ladies and gentlemen of the Legislature, I think this is a very bad idea. And this is single-interest legislation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR TYSON: One minute? Thank you. This is single-interest legislation, for the mercantile interests of Lincoln. I think that we should be at least as smart as the Lancaster County Commissioners, who moved to...who moved their fair away from these buildings, away from the congestion, away from the railroad, and have a better product as the result of it. It has