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turn this money over to the State Fair Board, insert the language after the word "Board," to be expended as directed by law, or something to that effect, so that it's clear that this is not a freestanding, free-wheeling operation which can do anything it wants to with this money, because Lincoln would be in a position to plunder it and get that money for other purposes that would rebound to the benefit of Lincoln as a city. If we make it clear that the Legislature transfers the money there but we control it, and it is expended as we say, then if we need that money we can get our hands on it. We're taking money from these funds right now. I was talking to Senator Raikes. Who would have envisioned that today--and I mean envisioned at the time the session started--that today gas prices would have reached a record high? There are many things which we cannot predict with any degree of certainty any distance in the future, because everything in the world is so fluid and in a state of flux now. Who in here is confident that four years from now the finances of the state and the country are going to be so healthy and robust that we don't have to resort to going to any of these funds again? If there's a possibility that that must be done, why are you going to take off the table this amount of money forever? It doesn't make sense. That is not wise legislating, and we are not behaving as state senators, we're behaving as Lincoln satraps. And that is not good. That's not a profane word, by the way. At least it's not intended to be in the way that I used it here. Senator Bourne's amendment is interesting. But suppose a State Fair would set up outside the boundaries of a municipality. The constitution says "municipality."

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if the State Fair is not located in a municipality, then what? This is why you shouldn't put things in the constitution but in statutes. Then you can hammer it out. You can take all the time you need. You have a public hearing that is going to deal with specifics. Then it comes to the floor and we argue and battle. And if we pass a statute and it turns out to have been bunglesome and wrongheaded, we can amend it, we can repeal it; not so with the constitution. And every one of these ideas that has floated which somebody or