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think the way we're going at it, it's certainly not...is certainly the backwards way. I agree with Senator Raikes that this isn't something that needs to be in the constitution. I don't think the bill should have ever been brought up to start with, but after the thing was brought up with, we're going to have to either put the kind of tires on it that we want for fear that the doggone thing might get a life of its own and then we will be stuck with something. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Louden. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the amendment. Senator, I have FA1605. (Legislative Journal page 1247.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Members of the Legislature, getting into the spirit of what we're doing on the chance that you may adopt Senator Bourne's amendment, I am making an offering. I say in line 3 you'll find my amendment. There are only four lines to his amendment, so it shouldn't be hard. And in line 3, after "municipality" insert "or county if located outside of any municipality," and that will cover the situation where a fair may not be located within the boundaries of any municipality. Does it make me any difference if you adopt this amendment? No. But with all of the discussing that has been going on with Senator Wehrbein saying that he had gotten calls from the western part of the state proposing something along the line of Senator Bourne's offering, I think it ought to at least be crafted in a way to cover an eventuality which is not out of the question. The fair may not always be located in Lincoln. They may decide, as they begin to develop, that a much more lucrative use could be made of that land. Maybe the State Fair Board would decide to move it. Who knows? But it is not out of the question to consider the possibility that a State Fair may be located outside of the boundaries of any municipality. So this language would cover that eventuality. And if you don't want to adopt it, it's okay, because LR 209CA is of no interest to me other than to see it killed. I can see, from what Senator Wehrbein says and what Senator Vrtiska says about the fair, that they feel pain when I make some of the comments that I make, and I would say most