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could say that there's some huge influence making us all vote like a bunch of little puppets on this bill. That is not true. I am voting for this bill because I think it is the right thing to do. We have...we have, as Senator Vrtiska has said many times on this floor, we have underfunded this State Fair enterprise for years and years and years, and all of a sudden it's...it caught up with us. And I'm not willing to see something go. Maybe I'm a real conservative at heart, Senator Chambers, because I like to preserve things that we have from our past. I think they're worthwhile and sometimes the things that replace those things from the past are not always something I think are really good. I think the State Fair has a lot of benefit for a lot of citizens, as Senator Cudaback has mentioned, from all over this state. And I am an advocate of the State Fair not because I live in Lincoln but because I grew up in small town Nebraska and belonged to 4-H and did all those kinds of activities that kids do in 4-H; was thrilled to death when I got to go to the State Fair and I think those are worthwhile activities for the families in our state. So I repeat, this is not a Lincoln bill. It is a State Fair bill. And, Senator Chambers, I have no problem with the 10 percent that is being talked about here. I don't want you to think that I don't think that Lincoln benefits from this fair, of course they do, and I think it would be fair to ask for that 10 percent match. But don't call it a Lincoln bill. It is a state bill and I'm going...I'm going to keep on this theme until you quit it, Senator Chambers. And I guess I better quiet down and take my seat while I'm still in one piece here. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, dress a Lincoln bill as you will, a Lincoln bill is a Lincoln bill still. A Lincoln bill is a Lincoln bill, is a Lincoln bill, and this is a Lincoln bill. Two Lincoln senators did not vote for it. It just shows that when you have a collection of people, not all of them lose their mind at the same time. The Bible always talks about a remnant, so at least two, at least two, retained their ability to think and their balance. Now we have, as Senator Schimek pointed out, some misguided Omaha senators who think that they're going to get something further