

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

March 24, 2004 LR 209

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Senator Chambers, the amendment is withdrawn. Senator Bourne. No, no. Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I have listened all of the time the debate has been going on so far, and I'm...I thought maybe I would just make a few comments at the present time. I know everybody is getting kind of short on the fuse. And the thing that I want to emphasize is, you know, I feel it's a State Fair. It's a State Fair. It's not county fair. My opinion, it's not a Lincoln fair, but it's a State Fair. It's for participants from the state, and this is what we have to keep in mind. There's some other benefits, you know, for having a State Fair here. It also benefits the races at Lincoln, the simulcasting that goes on. Most of the tracks, except for the Grand Island track, do not make money during their live meets. They make their money during the simulcasting of that, of the other meets that are being held across the state, so that is also a benefit for the Lincoln races. Another thing that Senator Loudon was mentioning, well, maybe turn it into a beer garden or anything like that, you know, there are beer gardens at the fair. That is already taking place; highly profitable for the State Fair. There are things that are going on. You know, maybe some of the people here, you know, haven't been to the State Fair for the last 25 years. We're trying to make decisions here where we don't have a lot of information as to whether it should keep going, only what we hear, but I think the individuals that participate at the fair, have children at the fair, really see the value of the State Fair. And that is the thing that I really want to emphasize, it's a State Fair. The state legislative body is trying to deal with the problems of the State Fair and this is what we must keep in mind, and I'll return the balance of my time to the Chair.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Mr. Clerk. Okay. All right. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Clerk, I'd like unanimous consent to substitute AM3396 for FA1601.