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SENATOR JANSSEN:    So ordered.

CLERK:            Mr. President,    Senator    Bourne    offers    AM3396.  
(Legislative Journal page 1247.)

SENATOR JANSSEN:    Senator Bourne, to open.

SENATOR BOURNE:    Thank you, Mr. President, members.    This amendment is basically a redraft of the idea that I had discussed earlier, that basically now what it says is that, after "board" on page 2, line 17, it says...I'll read you the whole sentence.    It says, "Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county," and this is the new language, "if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent to 10 percent of the funds available for transfer.    Such matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private or public entity."    And again, the reason behind this is, as I mentioned, back in 2001 we had reallocated the cigarette tax and Omaha was going to be a beneficiary of some of that cigarette tax, and I thought, if they were going to enjoy some new money, they should have to commit some money to maintain the existing structure.    And so what this would say, again, is if the...if the fair wants to get some of this money, the new money that would be set forth in the constitutional amendment, that it seems only reason that the most populous city in the county where the fair is located should provide some funds to support that infrastructure.    That's the amendment.    That's what's before you right now, and I'd appreciate your consideration.    Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN:    Thank you, Senator Bourne.    You've heard the opening.    Those wishing to speak, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Mr. President, in looking at the amendment that is now before us, I believe that in line 5, instead of saying "the city," it should be "such city," to refer back to the one they're talking about above.    And the only reason I'm