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SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Senator Bourne, with that percentage that the cities or counties, whoever, can come up with, can they use the money out of their visitors promotion fund?

SENATOR BOURNE: There's nothing in here that would prohibit it. But what it says is the populous city, the most populous city, within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds. And just to get off track just a little bit, Senator Chambers is worried about state money. The only way that that would count towards the city's match is if the state gave the money to the city and then the city gave it to the fair. So the populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equal to 10 percent of the funds that are available for transfer, so the total amount that's available for transfer, and those funds can be attained from the city or any other private or public entity. So if the county wants to contribute, they can. There's nothing in here that says they...

SENATOR LOUDEN: That would stop them from using their visitors. Well, what about the keno money that some of these...that these counties have? Would they be able to use their keno money to receive those matching funds?

SENATOR BOURNE: There's nothing in here that says they can or can't, but so long as the city comes up with 10 percent of the funds available from either a private or public entity, they could use that. There's nothing that says they can or cannot.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Whether they have money left over from the water bills or whatever, any way they want to get that money. It could be left over. It's...

SENATOR BOURNE: Well, I don't know how the...I don't know how the city would...

SENATOR LOUDEN: ...it's wide open, though.

SENATOR BOURNE: I don't know how the city would allocate water bill money to this, but I would imagine it could be from the