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on their own. And if the fair board itself saw that the state was contributing directly to the fair, they probably wouldn't want that, because that would go towards the match. They'd be, actually, losing money.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, no, no, no, but my time is up. I got my light on. I'll speak again. Did I...oh, thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the Bourne amendment with FA1606. (Legislative Journal page 1248.)

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, what I was going to say before, I didn't know whether I was speaking on Senator Bourne's time or mine. But in any case, I was going to yield the floor. Members of the Legislature, remember, we're dealing with a constitution. Why should we not state explicitly what we mean? Senator Bourne is going to tell me, of all people, to trust the lobby? Why do we have so much trouble on LB 962, the water bill? Senator Bourne is in here. And on LB 916, the livestock waste bill? All these senators are in here. You've seen them run roughshod over this Legislature. You cannot even change LB 775, which is a statute. And I'm supposed to trust the lobby and say the Legislature is strong enough to do the right thing when they will not do the right thing now? Now Senator Landis did get a cloture vote, but I don't believe everybody had bound themselves to go all the way, because some had told me they didn't, but they could...they could turn on either one of us. But I am not going to let LR 209CA go, and I'm tired of hearing this stuff: trust the Legislature, trust the lobby, and there are enough forces to overcome "Emperor" Radcliffe. He's prevailing now. He's...his power is in its ascendancy right here and now. And this blind king...they say in the land of the blind the one-eyed man is king. Well, we've all got two eyes and our king has no eyes. While the man's power is in its ascendancy, he's telling us, well, there will be enough forces in power in the future to