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AM3100, to LB 1089.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to withdraw that amendment, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Wehrbein, AM3263. (Legislative Journal page 1157.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, to open on AM3263 to LB 1089.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Bear with me just a minute till I find...did you...?

CLERK: It's State Board of Agriculture, Senator.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh, okay. This adds...

CLERK: Three hundred and six thousand, I think.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right. This amendment adds back the \$306,000 for judge's salary, in this case, for competitive events at the State Fair, the judges that do that, also the prize money for those events. And it's...I think it's important to realize, there's been a lot of conversation about livestock. This covers the gamut of prizes for projects at the State Fair, 4-H, and FFA. And it covers school projects. It covers many other things other than just livestock. So I want that clear. The other thing is, part of this money does go to pay judges who come in and judge these events for the young people. I think the subject matter is pretty well known. I don't intend to take a lot of time on it. Senator Chambers agreed, after he took it out at General File, if you remember, that I would have a free run on Select File. I urge you to strongly consider this. This is a voice for positive, if you will, events. It has a broad appeal across the state for young people that participate in 4-H. It doesn't necessarily mean they even attend the State Fair in many cases. So it...you can't really even measure by attendance. But most projects, including school projects, are