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sent to the State Fair. It gives a sense of accomplishment to young people, knowing that good work is recognized. That's what this is really all about. So it's more than just simply the money, in my mind. It's the fact that there is recognition of the work, that there is a small stipend connected with that, and that it is work that is recognized not only among their peers, but others. I think it might be a little helpful to understand the 4-H premium situation, particularly in FFA. There is not...they give white, red, blue, and purple, in that order, purple being the top performing...the top quality. But the 4-H uses what I call the Danish system, which is, any work that is worthy gets the white ribbon or gets the blue ribbon. It isn't a one, two, three, four placement, and that's it. And so there is recognition of the quality of work done at whatever project it is. And so there is not this sense of being top or else, or simply first, second, third, and fourth. But if you submit quality work, in theory, there could be all purples in a class, or all blues in a class. It signifies a quality. So I think it's important that we consider this. And I promised to bring it back on Select File. This is that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. You've heard the opening on AM3263 to LB 1089. Open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Chambers, followed by Senators Kruse, Stuhr, and Raikes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have one thing to say this time around: Grrrr.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues and growling members. I stand in support of the Wehrbein amendment, and would express a little bit of my amazement at the thing. It's been discussed often within the Appropriations Committee. And I really do not understand what the high motivation factor is of these prizes, but I will attest that it's real. And when we took it away this last summer, we hurt ourselves in terms of attendance. There's a little economic factor going on here. There are families that will spend hundreds of dollars to get their kids down to the fair with this prize. And as Senator