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Wehrbein has pointed out, that prize comes not as a competitive thing, but as the quality that they present. And they get their \$2, \$3, or \$5 prize, and they consider it worth it. I don't understand that, but I do affirm it. And I would just point out that the sales tax we collect on a couple hundred dollars would be \$14, which would be two or three times what we're paying out for that particular prize. It's a good thing. It is an emotional thing to allow the kids around the state. It's an emotional thing to me as I think about it. I strongly support our taking care of this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kruse. Senator Stuhr, on the Wehrbein amendment.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I too stand in support of Senator Wehrbein's amendment. I did not speak before on the importance of the State Fair to these young people. But I just want to add that I know that our local county fairs have been very well attended in the last few years. At least I can speak locally to the fairs in my areas. And of course, the State Fair then is the next level of advancement. These young people work in developing skills not only related to livestock or clothing or cooking, but also in speaking skills, in judging, in music, a whole wide variety. We have about 120,000 youths across the state of Nebraska involved in 4-H. We also talk about FFA, and they also have a chance to do some exhibiting, usually have a children's...some kind of project or participation for the young people, that they man. And so I think the opportunities are priceless, as far as the sense of achievement. And as Senator Kruse says, it's hard to understand. It's not really the money, but it is the ribbons that are attached. It does come with a sense of achievement that these young people are striving to improve. And when they are involved in these areas of 4-H and FFA, they do also learn leadership skills that will enable them to carry on and be the future leaders in our state. And those are only some of the reasons why I am supporting Senator Wehrbein in putting this amount of money back into the budget. Thank you. And I give the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Raikes, on