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projects entered at the state level, would decline drastically, because people would say, well, you know, I'm not going to enter and go down there just to see my project get a ribbon. Maybe it will be the top ribbon, but it won't get anything more. There is a little bit of an incentive of getting a little bit of a reward for their projects. I do agree, it does not have to be a lot, but it does help when people get just a little bit back for it. So I think we need to concentrate on, you know, what do we really want? Do we want to have a State Fair? Or do we want to drop the total ball and just have the county fairs and that would be it? So I think it is our responsibility as state senators to make that decision. Do we want to continue a State Fair? If we do, let's support it. And I'll totally agree with that. And I'll give the balance of my time back to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I will be voting in support of this amendment. And you know, if the truth be told, if it weren't for the State Fair, I wouldn't be here, literally, because my mother and dad met at the State Fair. I just wanted to go back and talk about some of the numbers. Senator Kremer told you about the numbers of youngsters involved in all of the different curriculum, if you will, all of the different areas--citizenship, communications, environment, healthy lifestyle. Now who can say anything about those subjects? We all should be good citizens. We all need to have a healthy lifestyle. We need to learn about personal development and leadership. And for those of you that don't know, 4-H is a part of the cooperative extension at the University of Nebraska, and is committed to offering today's youth in-depth, hands-on learning experiences. 4-H is for everyone ages 5 to 19, and offers more than 150 project areas. At the State Fair last year, there were a total of, youth 4-H entries, over...almost 9,000...almost 10,000. And the total number of youth involved was 4,235. If you look at all of the young people involved, from 5 to 19, in Nebraska last year, there were 118,000 kids involved in 4-H. Now that's just 4-H. Look at FFA. The numbers in FFA, there were...from 1999 to 2002, the numbers of chapters exhibiting increased from 82 to 91. The number of chapters exhibiting beef increased, dairy