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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I already said most of what I was going to say. But I would just like to have us review again how we got into this position. Two years ago, I had proposed legislation that would have made the State Fair a state agency. But we turned that down, and instead we revitalized this board and got many of the people who had been serving on that board for 20, 30, 40 years, or something like that, they were replaced by some newer people who I think have some good ideas. The one thing that was missing was money. They don't have any money. So I don't know how it could have been expected that Pat Lloyd could have come in and saved a ship that didn't have any money to operate it. But it was turned down as being a state agency, which in light of our budget is probably a good thing. But now I think that we have a sincere concern. How much money are we going to continue to put into the State Fair? And what other private entities do we give \$300,000 and \$400,000 to? We don't. We're not... I mean, people say we're responsible. We're not responsible. The Legislature turned down that responsibility and said, no, we don't want this to be a state agency; this will continue to be a private agency. I think Senator Schimek has a proposal that would at least make the State Fair abide by the open meeting law. They don't have to now because it's not a state agency, it's not part of the government. But we insist on giving money to the State Fair for the purpose of these prizes. I remember when this first came up in the Appropriations Committee, and it said, \$400,000, State Fair. And I said, what are we doing with \$400,000 for the State Fair? And they said, well, we always did that. Always do what? Well, we give money. What do we give the money for? We give the money for prizes for the participants. And I said, well, why are we doing that? It's not a state agency. Well, they said, we've always done it that way. And once again, I'm reminded of the incident that we had with Peru. Had we not done what we did with Peru, and say, you're not going to get any money until you start doing something for yourself, start going forward, that's the only time that Peru developed a foundation that started getting some money, the community of Peru started supporting this university itself...or college, rather. And I think Senator Chambers was right. You aren't going to do these things by just saying, you ought to do it. They're either...they will become addicted to