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in fact on the back of the labor trends handout that you have, you look at all of the industries across the state, and you see that from the last quarter of 2002 to the first quarter of 2003, you see a cut in income in almost every industry across the state. Information and financial activities have some increase, and the other one is in local government. With that, Mr...President, you've changed, I would like to conclude, so that we can have some discussion on this. I have other handouts we'll talk about as we go through this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Redfield. You've heard the opening on AM3456, an amendment to LB 1089. Open for discussion. Senator Preister, followed by Senators Brown, Wehrbein, and Kruse. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. There's somewhat of a delay in my pressing my light and the time it gets up there. So I'm really kind of backtracking. Because I had pressed my light before Senator Chambers spoke the last time, but it didn't get recorded until well after he spoke. So what I want to do is ask Senator Wehrbein a couple of questions, if he would. Senator Wehrbein, I'm going back to the State Fair. And I haven't had a chance to look myself, so I really don't know the answer to these questions. But it's my understanding that the State Fair is subsidizing horse racing. Do you have the figures on that? Are we actually taking State Fair money to subsidize horse racing at the State Fair?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I honestly do not know the answer to that, Senator Preister. You mean that...how could...you mean through the facilities they would be subsidizing? Use of the facility would have to be that.

SENATOR PREISTER: It's my understanding that they're losing money, and that they're racing more days. And I don't know if there's an obligation in statute that they have to run so many days. But it's...and that's a separate question, and