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fire. And the poor legislators, poor in the sense of wretched, are sitting here trying to figure how can everybody be pleased. A young man named Otis Redding had written a song, "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay." And one piece of the lyrics said, "I can't do, I cannot do what ten people tell me to do, so I guess I'll remain the same." The problem with the Legislature collectively now is that ten or more people are pulling in different directions and there is no consensus on what the Legislature ought to do. So I believe that whatever time we adjourn tonight, we are not going to have advanced from the place we find ourselves now. Others will have an opportunity to vent. They may join Senator Schrock in his frustration and say, well, I cannot go for the income tax, I will not go for Senator Brashear's slimmed-down proposal, but that surcharge is starting to look good to me now. Then I'll stand up and say, well, what I'm thinking about doing is pulling back LB 1089 and stripping out that money that was put in for the State Fair because I read in the paper the damage being done to that operation by the leaving of the director. This is not a case where an employee just left and there's going to be no problem. This is like a person...brothers and sisters, this is a guy who had two teeth in his head. He sneezed and lost one of them. Then that last tooth, he was feeling for it to see if it was still there, and he pulled it out, so now he has not a tooth in his head. And on a plate in front of him is a well-cooked t-bone steak, and he hasn't got a tooth with which to chew it. That State Fair is still sticking in my craw, and to give money to an organization which now has lost its head is absolutely foolish. And with all due respect to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, I am not bound to allow an unwise decision to stand. A significant change in circumstances has arisen. So while you all continue to debate the methodology to be followed if some money is to be raised, I am not going to criticize or condemn you. I love to see my colleagues participating in debate. That's what the Legislature is for. I love it even more when there's total and utter chaos, when nobody knows where they're going, they don't know who is saying what, or what is meant by anybody; but nevertheless they have to get their part said and that is good. But while that's going on, I am watching and awaiting my opportunity. And I am going to put a motion on LB 1089 to bring it back and strike that State Fair money. Now