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that Senator Landis did not want accepted would have said such matching funds shall not be provided directly or indirectly by the state or by funds obtained from the state, to make it clear this was to be on the city if it intended to do this.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So it has to be city funds, no state funds.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, the way the amendment is drafted now.

SENATOR HARTNETT: So I support your amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Bromm, members of the Legislature, the Bourne amendment and the underlying...and the attached or the proposed attached Chambers amendment I think are both very agreeable to the city of Lincoln and to the community generally. I think there is a sense that fairness on the matter requires some contribution. I did want to ask Senator Bourne for a clarification, if I could, Senator Bourne. I would yield to Senator Bourne.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Bourne, would you yield, please?

SENATOR BOURNE: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The community has already had a variety of discussions, Senator Bourne, on how it might contribute to making the State Fair an attractive proposition to all Nebraskans, and they have discussed raising private funds and of contributing public funds of various types. In your amendment it says such matching funds are to be provided by the city of Lincoln, but then it goes on to say those matching funds may be obtained from the city or any other private or public entity. And what I just wanted to make clear on the record, which is I think your understanding of this as well as mine, the city of Lincoln's obligation would be essentially and effectively to organize the obtaining of their own funds, private funds, and funds from other public local entities, such as the county of Lancaster. And I mention the county of Lancaster specifically because they will have available to them a rather substantial