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believe that. I believe that part of the leadership could be us saying, look, this institution is old, maybe it should be liquidated, but guess what, let's get this out there and let's let them make a decision. I'm not optimistic, folks, about the State Fair's chances. My dreams have it moving to Columbus, Ohio. I don't know what's going to happen here, but I'll tell you this. I'd feel a heck of a lot more comfortable after the citizens voted this down, this particular issue, if the citizens saying, h'm, wonder if we want to have a State Fair? Or the year after that saying, h'm, I wonder if we want to still try to have a State Fair? Let's go after LUST money. There's some cash. Look, Lincoln has stepped up with Senator Bourne's amendment. Lincoln has stepped up without Senator Bourne's amendment, but with his amendment they're kind of locked in. Senator Chambers, I don't know how real serious you are with this amendment. I don't think it looks that bad, to tell you the truth. I would probably vote yes for it. Lincoln has stepped up. I think the state has possibly stepped up and could step up and...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR FRIEND: ...I guess I would just submit that I would like to see the citizens get a chance to step up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker and members. Senator Combs analogized our floor debate as the two kids fighting over grandma's fate, grandma being the State Fair. I don't see it quite that way. By my Irish heritage, I see this as the two cats of Kilkenny. "Each thought there was one cat too many, / So they fought and they fit, / And they scratched and they bit, / 'Til instead of two cats there weren't any." On a more serious note, Senator Wehrbein, the Chair of our Appropriations Committee, cautioned us again today, and I applaud him for doing so. Look at the financial status sheet. It just got worse. With each passing day, it seems to grow larger. The official number is 304-plus, 304 million plus, and