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you that I've lost that CEO. Customers are still not coming. We have no profits but, rather, \$900,000 in debt. I have no plans for reversing the slide. I have not been able to hire a CEO. I have a Board of Directors but they can't decide whether we ought to hire an interim CEO or try to go through the trouble to find a permanent CEO, so we're going to delay doing anything about that. And here's what I want you to do. I want you to lend me \$2 million. Actually, I don't want you to lend it to me, I want you to give me a grant of \$2 million, and that's my offer. And Mr. Friend would say, sure, Chambers, let me see. Just sign on this line. I sign on the line and his bank gives me \$2 million on the basis of that. And they would fire him and probably have the county attorney arrest him and check him out for a form of embezzlement or outright theft. Now, we've got all these intelligent people sitting in the Legislature who promised their constituents what they would do. There's Senator Quandahl, a banker, presided over the bill that will allow Pacific Life Insurance Company to come here. We've got Senator Erdman and Senator Foley who look with a microscopic eye at certain issues, and then we come to this set of circumstances where the State Fair Board has lost its CEO. The Board of Directors can't reach a consensus on what to do about getting another one. They have over \$900,000 in debt, no plan for having more people attend the fair, nothing to draw people from other parts of the state, none of that. And the conditions are continuing to worsen and grow increasingly severe. So what does the Legislature agree to do? No plan of any kind whatsoever but will say, with no string attached--and Senator Tyson went along, too--we're going to give the State Fair Board \$2 million to spend as they see fit. They don't have to change a thing. They can continue to lose the customer base, and the money continues to roll in as long as the lottery is there. And if the lottery picks up steam, there will be more than \$2 million, but always guaranteed 10 percent of the lottery proceeds. So the Board just sits on its hands. We weren't guaranteed \$10 million with our fund-raising, so why do we have to do anything? Then you'll find people scrambling to get on the State Fair board because you've got a guaranteed \$2 million coming in.

SPEAKER BRÖMM: One minute.