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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you also are locking into the constitution money that is not accessible to the state without jumping through a lot of hoops, and that is wise action? I'm glad that Senator Smith mentioned the word "priorities" because I had been talking about that early on in the debate on LR 209CA. And one reason I have to speak on it now, and I'll do it during the rest of the session, because "Emperor" Radcliffe has gotten the deal and the fixing so that there will be cloture whenever it comes up. So I'm not going to wait for that, I'm going to discuss the Fair Board and that issue at every opportunity, and I'd like to see somebody try to stop me. I'd like to see somebody try to stop me from talking about what I want to talk about.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. One of the most painful duties that I feel I have to do in this body is to stand up and speak in opposition to Senator Chambers, the brightest man on the floor; one of the dumbest talking about one of the brightest. You know, Senator Chambers made two errors in his presentation. First of all, he said that we have allowed \$2 million to be spent out of the lottery fund, and that's incorrect. We're putting it up to a vote of the people. The people will make that decision, not us, and I don't think that's so unfair. If the people decide that that's, as he indicated it's not a good idea, they'll vote against it, and I think that's a fair way to do it. Secondly, Senator Chambers said there was no conditions. Well, as I read it, there are conditions. The city of Lincoln has to kick in a certain amount of money, so it appears to me that there are some conditions that go with this. I think it's unfortunate that we have to come to this point to make such a big debate over something, and I know, Senator Chambers, there's a nostalgia goes with there. Well, there is with me. I've been going to the fair for 50 or more years, and one of the things that I hate to see disappear from the scene is an institution like the State Fair that many of our young people have an opportunity to go to and participate in. Those are some of the reasons that many of us on this floor, regardless of what Senator Chambers says, have decided to