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the lottery funds. That's what you all did, and you can thank Senator Brashear for opening the door for this. I'm going to take every opportunity. When you're in the position of a disadvantaged person, you have your muscles tensed and you're poised by the door...

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that opportunity knocks on all the time.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. LB 1090 is a revenue portion of our budget, and I would, first of all, agree with Senator Brashear that I think we made a mistake this year, that we didn't address the revenue properly. You know, when we first started having our shortfalls a few years ago, we barely put enough dollars in to take care of it; came back next year, it was worse; came back next year, it was worse. I've been in business for over 45 years now and I think you shortchange yourself anytime you don't look out in front and see what's ahead of you. I really am not pleased at the forecast that's ahead of us with our out years particularly, and also this lawsuit that when award comes down we're going to have to either come back and make some adjustments or whatever, to take care of that, where I think we could have done that this year but we chose not to. The State Fair is an interesting situation, interesting because it has lost money. It's in a deficit, and how do we go about that and do we proceed with the same type of an arrangement. Many years ago, in my other life, when I was building homes in the Omaha area and was active in the Metropolitan Omaha Builders Association, I was chairman of the Omaha Home Show for about five years straight. We had a partner in that, and it was a partner who did shows and expositions, but that the money was put up, the contracts were signed with the city for the Civic Auditorium by this producer of shows. In Omaha today we have a couple of producers, Cox-Johnson, Mid-America Exposition, that put on shows, put on home show, put on a sports show, put on a product show, all of those, generally with a partner of some kind, sometimes not; but without any risk to the city, without any risk to, in many