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SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker and members, I won't go on and on. You know how I feel about this issue. I think that the State Fair to Nebraska is like roots are to trees, you know. I won't say that Nebraska can't survive, but certainly it will be hurt. I told my constituents time and time again that I agree with Senator Chambers probably 90 percent of the time down here, probably more than anybody else on this floor, maybe my roommate, I got to live with him, but Senator Chambers, I agree with him 90 percent of the time. This is one of those times when I probably don't, and that's fine, that's great. You can't, you know, go along 100 percent of the time. That would be a record that would be meant to be broken. Anyway, I won't belabor the process. I learned something from Senator Chambers this afternoon. He got up and said a few words is enough. And I think that's probably true. With that, I'll sit down.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I think this amendment, LR 209, I think our State Fair probably needs support somewhere along the line. Most of our county fairs, we support them with some type of monetary fund. A lot of them come from a small property tax or something like that for state fairs. The State Fair hasn't been supported for the last few...the last year or so. But this year we did appropriate some money in the appropriations for the State Fair. That's something more than has happened last year. But I don't think we should be nailing this in in the constitution so that every year we're giving \$2 million out here. Senator Landis is putting it up as a matter for the people to vote on. Do they want to keep the State Fair or not? Well, you're...we just got done with the gambling bill, but he's betting 2 million bucks that they're going to say yes. And once that is ever in there and that amendment does pass an election, that money will always be there every year. There's no way that the Legislature can control any of that. We had real turmoil for several days here trying to find \$350,000 for some of our ethanol programs and different places. But yet with an instant here in the blink of an eye you'll turn 2 million bucks a year over to the State Fair with no guarantee that it will even...where it will be spent or how it will be spent. You worry about sending money to the