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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, priorities is a word that we should consider. I can envision the moaning, groaning and whining that will be upon us next session. This is a time for our legislative leaders to show some leadership. If they're going to roll over, put this allocation of money into the constitution, take this money off the table so it is not available for the Legislature to consider, we need to keep that in mind next session. Leadership has to be shown when the fire is upon us, when the belly of the beast is where we have to labor. It doesn't take leadership if you're going to cross a meadow which is the resting place of contented cows. I don't think leaders have the wiggle room of nonleaders. They have asked to be placed in a position so that they could show us the way. And what is the way they're showing us? The road to nostalgia, looking backward, ignoring the serious problems that they have helped outline. But they cannot bring themselves to rise to that plateau of leadership and do that which needs to be done which is to lead. It is not my job to lead. I'm not even a Vice Chair of any committee. I'm just a lowly, down here on the ground, garden variety member of the Legislature, looking to those who have exercised leadership, who have crunched numbers, who have been able to review all of the agencies and programs that come before the Appropriations Committee with their hand and their cup stuck out looking for money. And as the song says, whom can I turn to? Where is the leader? The leader is blind. The leader is deaf. The leader has abdicated leadership. You know why I'm being so direct? Because I think more of the constitution than I do of anybody's fragile position of leadership or any fragile ego that may be involved. The constitution should be protected from these types of things. We should not yield. Priorities should be set. And the priority for this session should not be the State Fair Board. Frankly, I am disappointed. I hate to admit it, but I'm a bit surprised, not at some of my colleagues, but at others. There are times when that personal feeling about something which might be dear has to be set aside and that obligation as a state senator should assert itself and prevail. This is not in the best interest of the state. This is a localized item...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.