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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This being the last item on this agenda, I think that it's well for us just to review where we are and what we are doing. By this, if we vote for this proposal, what we are doing is announcing to the public that this is a measure that we think that you should vote for. I'd like to tell you back a couple of years how I got involved in this thing. I got involved in this because on the Appropriations Committee I was seeing coming across our desk a proposal to give \$300,000 or something like that to the State Fair. And I said what is this about? Well, this was to give prize money. And I didn't understand why we were giving prize money, and then I delved into it more. I found out it was a private entity, and I said, I need to find out more about the State Fair and what it is. And I found that they are on state land, using state buildings, not maintaining the property, and they have managed to continually lose attendance at the fair. It's lost its popularity basically. I think they lost 19 percent last year in their attendance. They're approximately 900-plus thousand dollars in debt at the present time. They are in a situation now where they have lost their fair manager. Now this is the stewardship to which we are entrusting, virtually forever, \$2 million a year to keep going. I don't think the stewardship that they have exhibited in the State Fair warrants that kind of a guarantee. And I think it's inappropriate for us to be voting to propose that the public vote on an issue to fund the State Fair in this manner. And I believe that this is our last opportunity to reconsider what we intend to do. I'm intending to vote against it. Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Pederson. Members of the Legislature, we have at least compiled a record on this issue. Let me tell you the nature of money that comes into the state's possession by whatever means, whether it's through a lottery operated by the state, controlled by the state, managed by the state, regulated by the state, it is state or public money. It cannot be converted to private