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amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Connealy. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments. We have several lights on. I'm going to run through them and see if you wish to address the committee amendments or wait to address the bill. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I support the committee amendments and I support the underlying bill as well. If you look at your machines, you can see that the bill did not come out unanimously. And while those Revenue Committee members can speak for themselves, I think that the majority of the issue was whether or not this would be...this would generate enough income to make the thing worthwhile. And you know, my sense is that it would. And the committee amendments, of course, put a sunset provision on there. So if they can demonstrate that this is actually working and generating money, why, then of course that sunset could be extended. I think it's a time where we're either going to go forward with the fair or we're going to get rid of it. And in committee we had some good testimony. And they've got quite a board here. They presented who's on the foundation, and it's a stellar group that I think can move the fair forward. This does not cost taxpayer dollars. This is one of the first bills that raises money that's not an additional fee, which I find appealing. You know, every department is going to be cut by who knows how much, ten percent or whatever. I think that would, of course, devastate the fair. This just gives them an opportunity to raise money. It's totally optional. I support it wholeheartedly. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Weh bein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I too support the amendment and the underlying bill. I would like to ask...maybe it's Senator Connealy, a question.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Connealy, would you yield, please?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes.