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soon we take that money out of there, too. And now this year, Senator Chambers has some sort of a tiff with with Senator Landis or "General" Radcliffe and as it relates to some constitutional amendment. So here he is again, stomping his feet, saying, if you don't take away all the fair's money, we're going to...I'm going to shut it down. I'm going to shut it down again. We're going to divide the amendment, whatever, and take all kinds of time. You know what? No matter what we do, we vote this amendment up or down, it'll be another issue. He'll be upset because we've taken money from this institution or this agency or the Supreme Court, it doesn't matter. So what I'm saying is, whatever is going to happen is going to happen. If you think that the fair should get a few hundred thousand to maintain those buildings until some other funding source can be worked out, vote against Senator Chambers' amendment. But if you're going to vote against his amendment...or vote for his amendment just because you don't want the committee bill...or the committee amendment divided up, I'm suggesting to you it doesn't matter, because if it's not this issue, it will be something else. We always seem to get through it. We have 18 days, whatever it is, I'm not sure of the time. But really, this is the most important thing we have to do, so I'm going to vote against Senator Chambers' amendment because I think the fair should get a few hundred thousand dollars to keep those buildings from falling in or caving in, until there's some sort of a funding mechanism in place. There are ideas to fund the fair. I believe that private individuals will come forward with some money. I don't know if the constitutional amendment will go or not. I'm not too excited about it. I did give it a first round vote, but I'm not too excited about it. Senator Vrtiska had a bill the other...last year to put a checkoff on income tax. I don't know how that's working out. But the point that I'm trying to make is a few hundred thousand dollars out of a several billion dollar budget is irrelevant. Senator Chambers is going to do what he is going to do, and he's doing it right now. It doesn't matter, because if it's not this issue, it will be another issue. And I say if you support the fair, vote his amendment down. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Mr. Clerk.