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Fair actually is the..is a private organization. Is not state government, and I hope maybe this will throw a little light on your question, Senator Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Lewis, do you have any motions to make or do you still want to carry on the discussion?

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, I'm going to ask one more question, and I have a motion. I'd ask it to Senator Marvel. We've been talking about performance audits, efficient use of cash, checking where the money is goine, do we do nay of these kind of things with this kind of money?

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel do you care to respond?

SENATOR MARVEL: Well, can you repeat it, I've got about three things going here at once, I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT: This question is related to performance audits...

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Burbach would, do you..

SENATOR LEWIS: I don't want fight over a point of a few bucks, but it's the issue more than the dollar.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator Lewis. The State Fair Board State Agriculture Society is a semi-quasi department of government, whatever that means, but this is a title applied to it, in most all instances. And it is historic in this state that we have provided by statute monies each year by stan..because of other existing statutes, and as far as being audited or just run loose they are audited by the State Auditor, they have their own auditor and the State Auditor audits their books from page 1 to the last page, and it's well run and it's response is made by the Society to the auditor so there is no slippage of money in any area at all.

PRESIDENT: Now, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: I will just respond one more question and then I'll move on. I'll amend, attempt to amend, but I think I will wait until Select File until I get some more information. I just ask Senator Marvel one more question. In his looking at financial planning and budgetary planning do think this is a good approach for the Legislature to take in terms of allocating money to private organizations in order for them to carry out the function of Government.

SENATOR MARVEL: Well let me put it, let me put it this way, Senator Lewis. Philosophically I can say this, that State Government, per se, is our greatest resource. We turn to State Government as we're indicating in these discussions that we had on this bill we're talking about sixty smaller agencies, some smaller than others, we turn to State Government for all kinds of activities. But in the process, and if you want to ask me if this is my philosophy my answer is yes, we also do not exclude a partnership between private organizations and public organizations whereby we think that more affectively and more economically some of these functions can be conducted by private organizations than public one. And I think this area that you point out is a good example, and we're not talking about a lot of money we are talking